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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Expenses of the Town of Westford,

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1860.

LOWELL:
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1860.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 14th, 1860.

THE Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement, Feb. 9, '59,	$1,625 13
Cash borrowed,	1,050 00
Received of Thomas Richardson, Liquor Agent,	54 91
Stony Brook Railroad Co's. dividends,	30 00
State School Fund,	71 61
Timothy P. Wright, Collector in 1857,	16 90
Collector in 1858,	23 69
Edward Prescott, Collector prior to Oct. 6, 1859,	2,681 88
Collector from Oct. 6, to Dec. 6, 1859,	1,154 64
Collector after Dec. 6, 1859,	1,428 88
Overseers of the poor for 1859,	111 22
Town Clerk, as dog tax in 1859,	42 00
Solomon Richardson, for grass on east burial ground,	8 25
County Treasurer, interest for paying county tax in advance,	9 52
as Miscellaneous items,	3 23
Total receipts,	$8,311 86

PAYMENTS.

Paid to Samuel Fletcher, note and interest,	$469 73	
Solomon Nutting, as interest,	30 00	
Jesse Wright, do	34 50	
Ira Leland, do	13 50	
Susanna Read, do	9 00	
Otis Keyes, do	21 00	
Joseph Hildreth, do	25 50	
John W. P. Abbot, guardian,	90 00	
Calvin Howard, do	18 00	
Sally Adams, do	6 00	
Betsey P. Day, do	25 50	
S. & S. D. Fletcher, do	85	
as State tax,	414 00	
as County tax,	951 73	
Amount carried forward,	$2,109 31	

Amount brought forward,	$2,109 31	
Paid to Overseers of the poor, per order of Selectmen,	405 00	
Sundry persons on orders,	1,918 18	
School districts,	1,676 74	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	2,202 57	
		$8,311 86

Your committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons, to wit:

Jesse Wright, two notes,	$602 76
Sally Adams, one note,	104 20
Susanna Read, one note,	157 47
Joseph Hildreth, two notes,	442 01
Calvin Howard, one note,	312 15
Solomon Nutting, one note,	526 08
Otis Keyes, one note,	368 49
Ira Leland, one note,	236 73
John W. P. Abbot, guardian,	1,516 25
Betsey P. Day, one note,	439 73
Westford Academy Trustees,	622 70
Total indebtedness on notes,	$5,328 57
Due to the School Districts,	$1,237 05
Master of the Poor House,	210 00
Due on outstanding order given in 1858,	5 50
Due on outstanding claims, estimated,	175 00
Total indebtedness of the Town,	$6,956 12

RESOURCES.

Balance now in the Treasurer's hands,	$2,202 57	
Five shares Stony Brook Railroad stock,	500 00	
Dividend on said stock due at date,	7 50	
Balance of taxes uncollected,	62 68	
Due from the estate of Timothy Smith,	90 85	
Total resources of the Town,	$2,863 60	
Balance against the Town,	4,092 52	
		$6,956 12
Balance against the Town,	$4,092 52	
Amount of debt in 1859,	4,296 01	
Decrease of Town debt,		$203 49

ZACHEUS READ,
GEO. LAWS,
LUTHER PRESCOTT, } COMMITTEE.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, TREASURER.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Westford, for the year ending February 9th, 1860, submit the following Report:

1859—*March.*—L. Luce, School Committee, 26 visits,	$17 00	
Conveyance expenses, 18 visits,	9 00	
Examining teachers, &c.,	3 50	
Getting school books and distributing,	2 00	
Books furnished,	1 15	
105 vols. school books on hand, paid for,	14 82	
		$47 47
S. N. Merrill, printing Reports,		12 00
April.—Inhabitants 1st parish, use of bell,		7 50
G. M. Rice, School Committee, 7 visits,	3 50	
Assisting in making out School Report,	1 50	
		$5 00
Wm. Kittredge, attending 29 funerals,	26 10	
Returning 30 deaths,	3 00	
		$29 10
L. Luce, making out School Report,		2 50
J. B. Fletcher, entertainment town officers,		6 00
D. C. Mead, School Committee, 23 visits,	16 00	
Going to Tyngsboro' about scholars,	1 50	
Attending 2 meetings to fill vacancies,	1 00	
Attending 4 meetings to examine teachers,	3 00	
Writing Report and getting it printed,	3 00	
		$24 50
B. H. Penhallow, printing valuation books,		12 00
A. Grover, 1 set steel figures for Sealer of Weights,		1 50
Thos. Richardson, posting warrants,		2 00
June.—D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent,		35 00
N. S. Hamblin, 18 days assessing taxes,		36 00
July.—D. C. Mead, 11 1-2 days assessing taxes,	23 00	
Cash paid for assessors' books,	1 12	
		$24 12
Union Society, use of bell,		7 50
S. N. Merrill, printing School Reports,	14 00	
Printing advertisements,	3 50	
		$17 50
Amount carried forward,		$269 69

Amount brought forward,		$269 69
September.—P. Chamberlin, 13 1-2 days assessing taxes,		27 00
Joshua Merrill, blank record book,		4 50
S. & S. D. Fletcher, postage and stationery,		3 81
J. W. P. Abbot, cash paid for packages by express,		2 26
J. B. Reed, attending 13 funerals,	12 87	
Repairing hearse,	50	
		$13 37
Amos Day, work on West Burying Ground,		4 00
November.—D. C. Mead, examining teachers and visiting schools,		14 25
First parish, use of house and fuel 1 year,		34 00
1860—*January.*—James Prescott, running town line with Littleton,		1 75
John Lanktree, setting hearse wheels tire,		1 50
J. B. Fletcher, entertainment for town officers,		3 00
H. H. Fletcher, posting town warrants,		3 00
Edward Prescott, money paid to Town Treasurer (error,)		9 50
February.—S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer's salary,	12 00	
Paying State and County tax, and getting school money,	4 50	
Entertainment for committee,	1 50	
		$18 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, stationery and postage,		1 88
J. B. Reed, attending 6 funerals,	5 94	
Returning 19 deaths,	1 90	
		$7 84
Levi Snow, work on East Burying Ground,		4 00
Joseph Bailey, going to Boston 4 times to meet counsel, and consult about J. B. Fletcher's case,		11 00
J. G. Abbott, counsel in said Fletcher's case,		25 00
J. W. P. Abbot, paid express on package,	25	
Attending Town Clerk's meeting at Groton,	3 00	
Town Clerk's salary,	12 00	
Selectman's salary,	5 00	
Use of room for Selectmen, Assessors, and fuel,	10 00	
Recording 63 births, 25 deaths, and 10 marriages,	16 10	
Making out this Report,	5 00	
		$51 35
N. S. Hamblin. assessing taxes 2 days,		4 00
Jonas Prescott, Selectman's salary,		5 00
Elbridge G. Parker, Selectman's salary,		5 00
Edward Prescott, collecting taxes, per cent.,		69 73
		$594 43

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1859—*April.*—E. A. Harwood, Surveyor Dist. No. 2.		
238 hours' work repairing roads,	$29 75	
437 hours' work repairing roads and bridges,	54 62	
		$84 37
D. C. Mead, 2 hours' work,		25
Alden P. Osgood, 45 hours breaking out roads,	5 62	
Expense repairing broken plough,	4 00	
Work on the roads,	5 87	
		$15 49
J. W. Keyes, breaking out roads, 17 hours,		2 12
Alson Tuttle, 57 1-2 hours' work on the roads,		7 19
Luther Prescott, surveying and locating road near J. B. Smith's,	2 00	
Surveying and locating road near Graniteville,	4 00	
		$6 00
Wm. Edes, 56 hours' breaking out roads in '59,	7 00	
16 days' work on the roads in '58 and '59,	16 00	
		$23 00
August.—Luther Kittredge, filling 80 55-100 squares of gravel on swamp road east of G. Law's,	96 66	
Building stone bridge at Graniteville,	446 00	
Building stone wall at C. G. Sargent's,	99 00	
		$641 66
September 24.—J. W. P. Abbot, services about roads, as by bill rendered,		10 75
County Treasurer's costs on E. Bunce's petition,		55 75
Edward Symmes, surveyor employed by County Commissioners,		14 25
Amos Hildreth, 2d, 53 hours' work on roads,		6 62
J. B. Reed, surveyor 1858, 14 hours' work,		1 75
E. E. Parker, services about roads, as by bill rendered,		5 75
Elias Sweetser, 90 hours breaking out roads in '56 and '57,		11 25
Allen R. Perham, 160 hours' work on the roads,		20 00
David P. Lawrence, repairing roads in highway, Dis. No. 7, by order of Selectmen,		61 50
Life Shed, building bridge by James Hildreth's,		47 00
D. C. Mead, lumber about bridge at Graniteville,		1 00
Eli Tower, building stone bridge near J. Decatur's,	12 00	
Repairing railing on Tadnic bridge,	1 50	
		$13 50
Thos. Horan, building stone bridge,		5 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,034 20

Amount brought forward,		$1,034 20
Wm. Agnew, work on bridge at Hamblet's mills,	9 75	
Work on roads and sharpening tools,	4 75	
		$14 50
Jonas Prescott, services about roads as by bill rendered,		14 50
Oliver Woodward, injury to horse in 1858,		25 00
G. S. Frederick, plank and repairing bridge,		1 50
C. Latham, services as engineer on bridge and roads,		15 75
S. Lawrence, furnishing and setting 77 stone posts,		53 59
Thos. Horan, repairing road by W. Fletcher's bridge,		11 00
Asia Nutting, work on bridge,		2 00
Jonas Prescott, going to W. Fletcher's bridge twice,		1 00
George Hutchins, putting up railing near E. Sweetser's,		5 00
E. G. Parker, services about roads,		4 25
J. W. P. Abbot, services about roads,		3 75
		$1186 04

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

1860—On Orders amounting to	$405 00

SCHOOLS.

School District No. 1	—scholars	112,		$227 02
2	do	74,		174 96
3	do	58,		153 04
4	do	40,		128 38
5	do	55,		148 93
6	do	38,		125 64
7	do	57,		151 67
8	do	26,		109 20
9	do	26,		109 20
10	do	51,		143 45
Totals,		537		$1471,49
Voted by the town,			$1400 00	
Received from the State,			71 61	
Total,			$1471 61	
In 1858—559 scholars, and each drew			$2 71	
In 1859—537 scholars, and each drew			2 74	

TOWN LIBRARY.

Brown, Taggard & Chase, for books,	$26 62
Covering paper,	1 12
Amount carried forward,	$27 74

Amount brought forward,		$27 74
C. L. Fletcher, book case,	8 75	
Extra work on Library,	5 00	
		$13 75
Julian Abbot, compiling catalogue,		8 00
S. N. Merrill, printing catalogues,		12 12
S. & S. D. Fletcher, blank book,		1 78
B. H. Penhallow, printing regulations,		4 00
		$67 39

The account of THOMAS RICHARDSON, *Liquor Agent, for the year ending April* 30, 1859.

Said agent charges himself with

Cash drawn from the Treasury,	$45 00	
Sales of Liquor,	184 30	
		$229 30

And asks allowances as follows—

Cash paid for Liquors,	$142 39	
Salary,	30 00	
Teaming and carting Liquors,	2 00	
Cash paid into the treasury,	54 91	
		$229 30

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Imla Goodhue, error in 1856,	$2 28
Thomas Judd, error in highway tax 1857,	44
J. B. Fletcher, error in highway tax 1858,	2 17
Several persons, error in highway tax 1858,	15 63
Several persons, error in highway tax 1859,	39 12
	$59 74

VALUATION FOR 1859.

Real and Personal, $785,050. Rate, 61 cents on the $100.

SUMMARY.

Money raised for town debts and charges,	$2,500 00
Schools,	1,400 00
State tax,	414 00
County tax,	951 79
Overlayings,	88 31
Highway tax 1858, returned unworked,	101 33
	$5,455 43

ORDERED OUT.

Incidental expenses,	$576 93
Roads and bridges,	1186 04
Amount carried forward,	$1,762 97

Amount brought farward,	$1,762 97
School Districts,	1471 49
Overseers of the poor,	405 00
Abatement of taxes,	59 64
Library,	67 39
	$3,766 49

Liabilities estimated as follows—

Incidental expenses,	$175 00
Bunce road, building, land, damages and costs,	1400 00
Master of Poor Farm,	210 00
	$1,785 00

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THE Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the support of the Poor Farm, February 9th, 1859, to February 9th, 1860:

Amount of Personal property at the Poor House, including Farming tools, stock, etc., as by appraisal of the Committee,—

February 9th, 1859,		$1,726 49
" " 1860,		1,851 72
Gain on personal property,		$125 23
Income from the Farm as by George Read's Books,—		
Received for Milk,	$258 16	
Apples,	56 78	
Cider,	35 37	
Dried apple,	5 40	
Straw,	27 41	
Pork,	21 28	
Calves,	79 62	
Hide, beef and tallow,	15 14	
Vinegar,	2 08	
Potatoes,	17 50	
Eggs,	5 07	
Ox work,	3 00	
Boarding men,	13 22	
as by George Read's Books,	5 56	
		$545 59
Cash drawn from the Treasury,	$405 00	
from Overseers of last year,	11 17	
from sales of produce last year,	54 46	
		470 63
		$1,016 22

Paid S. and S. D. Fletcher for goods,	108 78
T. B. Fletcher for goods,	31 28
Elias Sweetser for a bull,	18 00
N. S. Hamblin for 3 1-2 bushels wheat,	5 00
C. Childes for plough castings for 1857,	3 25
D. C. Mead for goods,	30 05
freight bill,	2 13
Joseph Hildreth for mending boots,	2 56
Ansel Davis for work on the house,	8 00
Simeon Ames for pasturing oxen,	10 00
Benjamin H. Leavitt, for work,	45 00
Lewis Saboll, for work,	85 38
Daniel Bolles, for washing machine,	4 50
S. P. & F. Wright, for sewing,	2 70
" meal,	9 26
" for grinding corn,	50
Charles L. Fletcher, for 8 days work on the barn,	12 00
John Knowles, for bolts for barn,	2 01
Burbank & Chase, for rolers, rods and handles for cellar doors,	3 99
George M. Childs, for 40 1-2 lbs. butter,	9 72
Edward Prescott, for making cider,	7 50
Ephraim Wright, for 2 coffins,	7 00
Dr. Hook, of Lowell, for visit to Timothy Smith,	5 00
D. A. Dow, for medical attendance upon Timothy Smith,	7 75
D. A. Dow, for medicine for Wm. Means,	25
medical attendance upon David Flinn,	2 00
" " " Sylvester Patch,	5 00
two quarts of gin,	80
James Dillings, for work,	3 55
E. D. Price, for blacksmith work,	5 47
George French, for work on the farm,	2 00
for clothing for Walter Scott,	10 25
for whitewash brush,	1 67
for cultivator castings,	1 25
C. Robey, for scythes,	1 75
Mrs. Ansel Davis, for grave clothes for S. Patch,	1 75
for grave clothes for T. Smith,	1 25
William E. Livingston, for 2 tons plaster,	14 00
9 bushels oats,	6 12
Peter Anderson, for damage done his corn by town's cattle,	4 00
John Brian, for work on Farm,	2 75
for boots for Betsy Hildreth,	1 10
Amount carried forward,	$486 32

Amount brought forward,	$486 32	
Paid Jonas Prescott, for pasturing cow,	5 00	
for 11 lbs. butter,	2 75	
William S. Carney, for meat,	28 78	
butchering,	2 00	
George Woods, for butchering,	50	
meat,	2 44	
Leonard Luce, for attending Timothy Smith's funeral,	1 00	
George M. Rice, for attending S. Patch's funeral,	1 00	
Benj. Wright, for help in laying out T. Smith,	50	
for ten flour barrels,	1 25	
John Lanktree, for shoeing oxen,	1 25	
David P. Lawrence, for 4 bushels potatoes,	2 00	
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods for Mrs. Jos. Leland,	2 01	
George Read, for services as master,	250 00	
for clothing for Michael Murphy's family,	3 00	
for expenses of conveying the Murphy family to State Almshouse,	4 50	
P. Chamberlain for fixing axes,	95	
expenses of removing Smith from Medford,	3 22	
for one lantern,	62	
Benj. Osgood, for medical attendance upon Sam. Richardson,	2 00	
Amos Hildreth for services as overseer of the Poor,	5 00	
William Read, " "	5 00	
N. S. Hamblin, " "	5 00	
for bed clothes,	3 00	
T. H. Hamblet for grinding and belting,	84	
N. S. Hamblin, making out report of 1859,	4 00	
to cash paid to Irishmen,	58	
to going to Lowell to see about Purley family,	2 00	
to time spent and cash paid to send T. Calahan to State Almshouse,	1 25	
to time and exp's to Medford about Tim. Smith	4 00	
City of Boston for Abigail Kemp,	6 75	
for carrying a man to the Almshouse,	75	
Town of Medford for Mrs. Scott,	16 96	
cash for Mrs. Scott,	2 00	
to going after Scott family—car fare for Walter Scott,	3 85	
to time spent about T. Smith's property,	3 00	
for making returns to Secretary of State respecting paupers,	2 00	
Asia Nutting, for digging a grave for T. Smith,	2 00	
as by George Read's Books,	20 03	
into the Treasury,	100 51	
in the overseers hands,	26 61	
		$1016 22

Statement of the expenses of the Poor above the income of the Farm for the year ending February 9, 1860,—

Amount of cash drawn from the Treasury,		$405 00
From the overseers of last year,		11 17
From produce sold from the Farm last year,		54 46
		$470 63
Gain on personal property,	$125 23	
Cash in overseers' hands,	26 61	
Paid into the Treasury,	100 51	
Due from the estate of Tim Smith,	90 85	
" " Life Shed for ox work,	3 00	
		$346 20
Cost of supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm,		$124 43

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
WILLIAM READ,
AMOS HILDRETH,
} Overseers of the Poor of Westford.

February 9, 1860.

Town House—Westford

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REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 12th, 1861.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hand at last settlement,	$2202 57
Cash borrowed,	500 00
D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent,	56 81
State School Fund,	61 51
Stony Brook R. R. Dividend,	15 00
Timothy P. Wright, Collector, 1858,	27 09
Edward Prescott, Collector before Oct. 6, 1860,	2978 45
" " " " Dec. 6, 1860,	730 00
" " " after Dec. 6, 1860,	1827 00
Five shares S. B. R. R. sold,	500 00
County Treasurer, interest,	8 42
School Committee, books sold,	10 82
Grass sold from E. Burying Ground and Common,	10 00
Town Clerk, dog taxes,	14 40
Miscellaneous sources,	12 01
	$8954 08

PAYMENTS.

Solomon Nutting, note and interest,	$ 517 00	
Otis Keyes,	363 35	
Thomas Richardson,	258 04	
Interest upon notes,	309 00	
State Tax,	345 00	
County Tax,	1010 06	
Overseers of the Poor,	534 32	
School Districts,	1389 84	
Orders,	2240 71	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1986 76	
		$8954 08

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons, on notes, including interest, to wit:

Joseph Hildreth, three notes and interest,		$ 703 53
Jesse Wright, two	" "	602 56
Sally Adams, one	" "	104 16
Susanna Reed,	" "	157 42
Calvin Howard,	" "	312 05
Ira Leland,	" "	236 66
J. W. P. Abbot, Guardians,	"	1515 75
Betsey P. Day,	" "	439 59
Trustees of Westford Academy,	"	622 50
		$4694 22
Due School Districts,		$1308 29
Due Master of Poor House,		230 00
Due on outstanding claims, estimated,		400 00
		$6632 51

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$1986 76	
Balance of Taxes uncollected,	56 76	
Due from the estate of Timothy Smith,	95 10	
		$2138 62
Balance against the Town, Feb'y 12th, 1861,		$4493 89
" " " " 9th, 1860,		4092 52
Increase of Debt,		$ 401 37

J. W. P. ABBOTT,
ASAPH F. BYAM,
GEO. T. DAY,
} COMMITTEE.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Westford, for the year ending February 9th, 1861, submit the following Report:

1860—*March.*—L. Luce, School Committee, 38 visits,	$28 50	
Examining Teachers, $5,25, conveyance expenses, $5,00,	10 25	
Use of room, fuel and lights,	1 75	
April 7.—To making School Report, $5,00; to School Books, $22,50,	27 50	
1861—*Feb.* 9.—To School Books,	10 00	
		$78 00
1860—*Apr.* 7.—George M. Rice, School Committee, 21 visits,	15 75	
Examining Teachers, $6,00; preparing report, $5,00,	11 00	
To getting report printed and express charge,	1 50	
		$28 25
April 7.—To J. B. Fletcher, entertainment town officers,		6 00
May 5.—To Dr. D. A. Dow, for vaccination 153 persons at 1s,	$25 50	
162 persons at 6d,	13 50	
		$39 00
To first parish, use of bell,		7 50
December " " " " hall,		34 00
To repairing hearse,		75
June 2.—To A. W. Cummings, appraising property at poor farm,		2 00
To S. N. Merrill, printing and binding Sexton's book,	$ 5 00	
To 400 copies town report,	15 87	
To 300 " school report,	17 00	
		$37 87
Aug. 4.—To Daniel Flagg, appraising property at poor farm,		1 50
Sept. 29.—To John Cutter, services as assessor, 60 days,		120 00
To P. Chamberlin, services as assessor, 60 days,		120 00
To E. G. Parker, services as assessor, 65 days,		130 00
To Levi Snow, appraising property at poor farm,	$1 50	
Mowing brush at east burying ground,	4 00	
		$5 50
To Caleb Wight, for (Union Society) use of bell,		7 50
To Stone & Huse, printing tax bills,		3 00
Dec. 1.—To Samuel Fletcher, for stone posts,		13 50

1860 - *Feb.* 7.—To. J. W. P. Abbott, services as Town Clerk,	1	05
To J. B. Fletcher, entertainment of town officers,	3	50
Jan. 5.—To Levi T. Fletcher, appraising property at poor farm,	2	00
Feb. 9.—To Sherman D. Fletcher, paying State and county tax,	4	00
Drawing school money from State,		50
Entertainment of Committee,	2	00
Services as Treasurer in 1860–61,	12	00
Postage and stationery,		78
To J. B. Fletcher, postage and stationery,	1	25
To Nathan S. Hamblin, room for town officers,	12	00
To Sam'l A. Hamblin, posting warrants,	3	00
To Joshua Merrill, books and stationery,	1	25
To Jacob Smith, to extra meetings,	4	00
" " appointing liquor agent,	1	00
" " Selectman's salary,	5	00
To E. G. Parker, extra meetings,	3	00
" " appointing liquor agent,	1	00
" " postage and stationery,		50
" " Selectman's salary,	5	00
" " making report,	5	00
To Phineas Chamberlin, extra meetings,	5	00
" " Selectman's salary,	5	00
To Edward Prescott, commissions,	86	74
	$798	94

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1860—*March.*—H. H. Decatur, mowing brush,	$4	00
April 7.—To J. B. Fletcher, witness fees and summons,	10	56
14.—To referee costs on Bunce road,	10	38
To J. B. Fletcher, services as committee, and use of hall,	8	00
To L. T. Fletcher, work on bridge at Hamblet's,	7	00
To John F. Bannister, work on highway,	3	09
To Benj. Palmer, 41 stone posts, at $1 12 each,	45	92
To Jacob Smith, 80 hours work on road,	10	00
" " 8 " " "	1	00
To Amos Hildreth, 2d, land damage,	23	89
To Solomon Richardson, "	15	81
To Thomas Richardson, "	9	81
To Ira Leland, "	90	31
To Imla Keyes, "	103	81
May 5.—To D. P. Lawrence, services as referee,	8	50
To Charles Chamberlin, irons for railing,	5	80

	To Allen R. Perham, 76½ hours breaking roads,	9 56
	To Joseph Chamberlin, for lumber for rails,	21 78
	To Eli Town, 24 hours breaking roads,	3 00
	" " over work on road,	4 78
	To Eliel Heywood, 35 hours breaking roads,	4 37
	To William Agnew, use and repairs of plough,	1 62
	107 hours work on road,	13 37
June 2.—	To Wm. Laws, services on Bunce road,	9 46
	To W. F. Wheeler, referee case,	5 00
	To J. B. Reed, work on roads 24 hours,	3 00
	To Life Shedd, building 267 rods road,	734 25
July	To George P. Wright, work on road,	4 50
	To Edwin Gould, work on road at Sargent's,	11 50
Sept. 29.—	To Oliver Woodward, putting up railings,	16 80
	To S. D. Fletcher, powder and fuse,	5 53
	To Levi Snow, mowing brush by B. A. Reed,	5 33
Oct. 1.—	To estate of Anan Reed, breaking roads 26 hours,	3 24
Dec. 1.—	To Rufus Patten, repairing road,	23 00
1861—*Feb.* 2.—	To Samuel Fletcher, stone and work,	11 00
	To E. G. Parker, services about roads, as per bill,	4 50
	To E. G. Parker, meeting commissioners to oppose L. T. Fletcher's road,	4 00
	To Jacob Smith, services about road as per bill,	5 50
	To Jacob Smith, meeting commissioners to oppose L. T. Fletcher's road,	4 68
	To Phineas Chamberlin, services about roads,	2 50
	To Phineas Chamberlin, meeting commissioners to oppose L. T. Fletcher's road,	1 50
		$1271 65

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

	To orders amounting to	$534 32

TOWN LIBRARY.

1860—*June* 2.—	To Charles L. Fletcher, Librarian,	$35 00
	To Brown & Taggard, for books,	25 53
	To S. D. Fletcher, for books and paper	2 66
	To Joshua Merrill, books and binding,	3 40
		$66 59
	By fines of C. L. Fletcher,	2 63
		$63 96

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	scholars 92,	$202 79		
" 2,	" 79,	184 46		
" 3,	" 47,	139 34		
" 4,	" 38,	126 65		
" 5,	" 59,	156 26		
" 6,	" 36,	128 83		
" 7,	" 62,	160 49		
" 8,	" 23,	105 50		
" 9,	" 23,	105 50		
" 10,	" 59,	156 26		
			$1466	08

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

T. P. Wright, Collector,	$20	69
Calvert & Sargent,	23	20
Several persons,	14	89
	$58	78

LIQUOR AGENCY.

The account of D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent, for the year ending April 30, 1860. Said Agent charges himself with—

Cash drawn from the treasury,	$ 46	00
Amount of sales,	270	35
For empty casks,	3	50
	$319	85

And asks allowances as follows:

Cash paid for liquor and expenses,	$236	04
1 book of record,	2	00
Salary,	25	00
Paid into town treasury,	56	81
	$319	85

SUMMARY.

Ordered out incidental expenses,	$ 798	94
" roads and bridges,	1271	65
" Overseers of Poor,	534	32
" school districts,	1466	08
" abatement of taxes,	58	78
" town library,	63	96
	$4193	73
Liabilities estimated at	$300	00

E. G. PARKER,
JACOB SMITH,
P. CHAMBERLIN, } Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 9, 1861.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the support of the poor for the year ending February 12, 1861:

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee,—

February 9th, 1860,		$1851 72
" 12th, 1861,		1771 27
Loss on personal property,		$80 45
Income from the farm as by George Reed's books,—		
Received for milk,	$219 99	
wheat,	13 02	
cider,	10 33	
pork,	42 26	
lard.	3 39	
potatoes,	33 15	
timber,	2 00	
apples,	34 86	
straw,	4 00	
one stag,	30 00	
beef,	13 91	
one yoke of oxen,	149 00	
ten calves,	75 00	
hide and tallow,	5 47	
eggs,	10 48	
vinegar,	1 65	
as by George Reed's books,	8 91	
		$657 42
Cash drawn from the treasury,	$534 32	
from Overseers of last year,	26 61	
town of Pepperell,	9 05	
Levi Prescott,	4 56	
for brandy sold,	3 00	
		$577 54
		$1234 96
Paid S. D. Fletcher for goods,		$94 50
T. B. Fletcher for goods,		35 43
for James Hasley,		6 00
for Bostreck & Harris,		8 09
S. D. Fletcher for goods for William Leland,		1 75
Samuel N. Woods for meal and plaster,		34 35

Rodney Kennedy for 7 months and 12 days work on the farm,	97 00
for a pair of oxen,	105 00
S. P. Wright for meal,	40 57
for making cider,	2 72
William S. Carney for meat,	23 73
for 2 shoats,	14 50
for butchering,	2 50
for meat for Bostreck & Harris,	12 54
Barnard Reed, for 1 shoat, 177 lbs.,	13 27
George M. Child for 50 lbs. butter,	10 78
Charles Follensbee for meal,	3 16
for goods,	19 89
Zeptha Wright for ox cart,	20 00
Harvey C. Moxley for work haying, 1 month,	25 00
Ephraim A. Harwood for pair of wagon wheels,	7 00
George B. Hildreth for painting,	11 50
Burbank & Chase for lead pipe,	4 85
Mr. Knights for doctoring a cow,	1 00
for castrating a bull,	1 00
Jane Leavitt, for four weeks work,	6 00
George F. Wright for coffin for J. Hildreth,	4 00
Samuel Smith for one rubber sheet,	3 00
John Lanktree for blacksmithing,	2 81
George D. Goodwin for blacksmithing,	4 17
John Knowles for blacksmithing,	98
George W. Woods for blacksmithing,	2 27
William Edos for 13 lbs. butter,	2 60
Amos Day for digging grave for Joseph Hildreth,	1 50
S. Patch,	1 50
Peter Foger,	2 00
George M. Rice for attending two funerals,	2 00
for 30 yards of sheeting,	2 55
Charles Chamberlain for blacksmithing,	1 50
Joseph Hildreth for mending boots,	1 00
N. S. Hamblin for veal,	1 71
for corn,	64
for fresh fish,	50
for medicine for Betsey Hildreth,	7 75
Railroad Company for freighting meal and plaster,	80
Mrs. Hill for making pants for W. Scott,	50
T. H. Hamblet for grinding wheat,	2 00
Mrs. Ansel Davis for robe for J. Hildreth,	1 50
for 12 cups and saucers,	1 00
for buffalo robe,	6 00
for sugar,	2 60
for lantern,	1 00
for crackers,	1 34
for 1 dozen knives and forks,	3 00
for zinc for stove,	1 25
for 6 rolls of paper,	75

for 2 window shades,	75
Mrs. Paine for cleaning house,	1 10
for potash,	1 44
expenses to Cambridge to buy oxen,	2 00
for jacket for Walter Scott,	1 50
for washing and lime for Harris,	1 25
as by George Reed's books,	26 43
Fletcher Pickens for James Hasley,	3 05
George Reed for services as master,	275 00
town of Dunstable for Susan Pike,	3 00
G. Kimball for professional services rendered to Bostreck and Mrs. Harris,	76 00
for two visits at the alms house,	10 00
Charles Adams, master of House of Correction at East Cambridge, for board of Elbridge Reed,	6 43
town of Carlisle for E. P. Richardson,	5 00
Fletcher, Clark & Co., for brandy for Bostreck and Mrs. Harris,	32 50
L. A. Fletcher for brandy and porter,	12 26
D. A. Dow for liquor,	6 39
for New England rum,	1 33
Mrs. Lamb for nursing Mrs. Harris,	20 00
Alvin Fisher for meat for Bostreck,	3 50
Ira Leland for meat for Harris and Bostreck,	11 13
Levi Prescott for drawing wood for Bostreck,	1 00
N. S. Hamblin for time spent in procuring a nurse and procuring things for Harris and Bostreck,	4 00
to time and expenses going to Dorchester to see about Mrs. Edward's settlement,	4 50
to making out reports, 1860,	5 00
going after Joseph Hildreth and carrying him to the alms house,	2 00
going to Tyngsboro' and getting Mrs. Elbridge Reed and children and carrying to the alms house,	2 00
to making out returns to the State,	2 00
going to Dunstable to see about Mrs. Susan Pike,	1 00
for carrying John Howard to State alms house,	2 75
for going to settle with G. Kimball,	1 00
going to Lowell about Mrs. Putney,	1 50
going to Carlisle about E. P. Richardson,	1 50
for time spent about burying a man that died at E. Hutchings's,	1 50
for services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
Ira Leland for watering trough,	3 75
William Reed for services as Overseer,	5 00
Alpheus J. Reed " "	5 00
Alvin Fisher for paying bills at Carlisle and East Cambridge,	32
	$1215 23

Statement of the expenses of the poor above the income of the farm for the year ending February 12th, 1861,—

Amount drawn from the treasury,		$534 32
From Overseers of last year,		26 61
From the town of Pepperell,		9 05
From Levi Prescott,		4 56
For brandy,		3 00
Loss on personal property,		80 45
Outstanding claims,		10 00
		$667 99
Cash in Overseers' hands,	$19 73	
Due from George Reed,	11 44	
Eunice Prescott's note,	4 75	
Due from the State,	7 00	
		$42 92
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of interest on the farm		$625 07

Number of persons supported in the alms house the past year, 12; the average number, 6: the number received assistance by two meals and lodging, 46; the number assisted out of the alms house, 27.

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
ALPHEUS J. REED,
WILLIAM REED,
} Overseers of the Poor of Westford

February 12th, 1861.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Expenses of the Town of Westford,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1862.

LOWELL:
STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1862.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 10, 1862.

THE Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$1986 76
Cash borrowed,	6795 30
Received of D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent,	30 00
State School Fund,	62 61
Town Clerk, for dog licenses,	3 60
Estate of Timothy Smith,	103 87
Levi Snow, for grass, East Burying-ground,	5 25
County Treasurer, interest on tax,	00
Towns, — Chelmsford, Littleton, Acton and Groton, their share of expense in setting up stone bounds on town lines,	16 92
Edward Prescott, Collector, 1859, in full,	29 00
Edward Prescott, Collector, 1860,	17 76
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1861, before Oct. 6, 1861,	2721 32
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1861, before Dec. 6,	899 47
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1861, after Dec. 6,	1647 21
Other sources,	3 45
	$14325 52

PAYMENTS.

Thomas Richardson, note and interest,	$ 153 70	
R. R. Bank, notes and interest,	4000 00	
Interest on notes,	273 00	
State Tax,	288 00	
County Tax,	836 66	
Overseers of Poor,	613 00	
School Districts,	1422 57	
Orders,	5634 63	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1103 96	
		$14325 52

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons, on notes, including interest, to wit:

Jesse Wright, two notes and interest,			$ 602 37
Joseph Hildreth, three notes and interest,			703 31
Sally Adams, one note		"	104 13
Susannah Reed, one	"	"	157 37
Calvin Howard, one	"	"	311 95
Ira Leland, one	"	"	236 58
J. W. P. Abbot, Guard'n	"	"	1513 25
Betsey P. Day,	"	"	439 25
Trustees Westford Academy,		"	622 30
Eli Tower	"	"	209 20
Lucy Maria Day,	"	"	312 40
J. W. P. Abbot,	"	"	311 30
Winthrop Wheeler,	"	"	404 53
Isaac E. and Geo. T. Day,		"	1509 75
			$7437 69
Due several School Districts,			$1347 84
Due Master of Poor Farm,			250 00
Due on outstanding orders,			17 09
Due on other outstanding claims, estimated,			250 00
			$9302 62

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$1103 96	
Balance Taxes uncollected,	50 97	
Due from State, money advanced to Soldiers' Families,	541 00	
		$1695 93
Balance against the Town, Feb. 10, 1862,		$7606 69
" " " " 12, 1861,		4493 89
Increase of Debt,		$3112 80

ZACCHEUS REED,
JOHN DANE,
GEORGE T. DAY, } COMMITTEE.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Westford, for the year ending February 8, 1862, submit the following report:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

1861—*March.*—Leonard Luce, Town Clerk, Salary, 1860,	$12 00	
Recording and returning births, deaths and marriages in 1860,	15 10	
To returning 47 deaths in 1860,	4 70	
" 4 " "	0 40	
Recording 28 births "	5 60	
To stationary, "	1 55	
To Express on books, &c., "	1 00	
		$40 35
First Parish, use of bell one year,		7 50
J. B. Reed, going with hearse 13 times,	16 25	
mending hearse,	75	
		$17 00
George M. Rice, School Committee,		
Examining Teachers,	3 75	
23 visits to Schools,	17 25	
writing Report,	5 00	
getting Report printed,	1 70	
conveyance and expenses,	1 06	
		$28 76
April.—Leonard Luce, 32 visits to Schools,	24 00	
examining Teachers,	3 75	
making School Report,	7 00	
use of room, fuel and lights,	1 75	
books furnished poor children	1 34	
		$37 84
Hildreth & Hunt, printing town reports, 1860,		12 00
Stone & Huse, printing 500 valuation books, 1860,	65 40	
Stone & Huse, printing 100 notices,	1 25	
300 school reports	17 00	
		$83 65
J. B. Fletcher, entertainment and postage,		6 06
S. D. Fletcher, blank books and postage,		15
H. A. Davis, Sealer of Weights and Measures,		8 00
S. Wiley, repairing and painting hearse		27 52
J. W. P. Abbot, blank book,		1 00
J. B. Fletcher, postage,		06
Isaac E. Day, summoning Town Officers		4 58
D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent,		30 00

Edward Symmes, running Town line,	4 00
services as School Committee,	16 00
Jacob Smith, Assessor 21 days,	42 00
postage and express,	87
Isaac E. Day, Assessor 20 days,	40 00
Solomon Richardson, Committee to let out new road,	5 00
Ebenezer Swan, one half expense of setting stone posts on Westford and Tyngsboro' town line,	3 50
Joseph Hildreth, 24 days Assessor,	48 00
Levi Snow, appraising property at Poor House,	1 50
mowing brush in East Burying-ground,	4 00
First Parish, use of Hall and Fuel,	34 00
Asaph F. Byam, reckoning and settling with Town Treasurer,	75
J. B. Fletcher, entertainment of Town Officers,	3 00
S. D. Fletcher, postage, paper and envelopes,	1 63
1862—*Feb'y* 8.—Joseph Bailey, going to Boston 6 times, to Lowell 8 times, 4 days spent in hunting up evidence, writing letters and paying postage, in examining Liquor Agent's book, bills of liquor purchased, meeting Selectmen, the above extending over a space of two and a half years in the case of the town against John B. Fletcher,	30 00
J. G. Abbott, services in suit Town *v.* J. B. Fletcher.	138 36
S. D. Fletcher, services as Treasurer, in 1861,	12 00
paying State and County Taxes and drawing School money,	4 50
S. D. Fletcher, entertainment of Committee to reckon and settle with Treasurer	2 00
S. D. Fletcher, stationary and postage,	3 11
J. W. P. Abbot, viewing roads, and letting out bridges,	4 00
J. W. P. Abbot, going to Groton 9 and to Cambridge 3 times about soldiers,	14 00
J. W. P. Abbot, 8 days spent running Town lines,	12 00
J. W. P. Abbot, services as Selectman,	5 00
Jacob Smith, viewing roads and bridges,	6 00
settling with Liquor Agent,	1 00
going to Groton and N. Chelmsford at different times,	8 00
Jacob Smith, 9½ days running Town lines,	17 00
postage,	11
preparing and making out Town report,	7 00
Jacob Smith, services as Selectman,	5 00

Eli Tower, viewing roads and bridges,	8 00
small repairs on roads,	7 50
services as Selectman,	5 00
Asa Hildreth, collecting $1647 21,	76 18
special Poll Taxes,	5 00
March.—Union Society, for tolling bell,	7 50
N. S. Hamblin, use of room 1 year,	15 00
Amos Day, work on West Burying-ground,	4 00
Total of Incidental Expenses,	$905 98

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1861—*March.*—Edwin Lamb, 21⅓ hours breaking out roads,	$ 2 66
Edwin Gould, 335½ hours breaking out and repairing roads,	41 93
Levi T. Fletcher, 522 hours breaking out and repairing roads,	65 25
J. F. Bannister, 235 hours breaking out and repairing roads,	30 37
April.—Amos Leighton, 51 hours breaking out roads,	6 37
Joseph Gould, 307 " " " "	38 38
Thomas Drew, 68 " " " "	8 50
Levi T. Fletcher, 331 " " " "	41 37
J. F. Bannister, 144 " " " "	18 00
Wm. Kittredge, 222 " " " "	27 75
Edwin Gould, 349 " " " "	43 62
Wm. Chandler, 320 " " " "	40 00
S. Richardson, 172 " " " "	21 50
Jacob Smith, 361½ " " " "	45 19
G. W. Wood, 219 " " " "	27 37
over work,	5 02
William Agnew, moving wall and apple tree,	30 00
William Laws, highway work,	5 00
36 hours breaking roads,	4 49
Levi Snow, 542 " " "	67 75
George Fletcher, 83 " " "	10 38
Rufus Patten, 96 " " "	12 00
Edwin Lamb, 121 " " "	15 12
March—Daniel Flagg, 318½ " " "	39 81
John Lanktree, blacksmithing,	94
Joseph Keyes, building stone bridge,	6 00
G. S. Fredrick, repairing road from J. Keyes, to Tyngsboro' line,	108 12
William Taylor, making 22 rods of road, and building wall,	35 00
April.—Eli Tower, making 16 rods of road, and building wall,	48 00
William Kittredge, 40 hours work on road,	5 00
Hildreth & Hunt, advertising, &c.,	4 00
N. S. Hamblin, laying over bridge at Hamblet's mills,	22 50

May.—	Joshua Decatur, building stone bridge,	10 00
	building 73 rods new road,	292 00
	William Agnew, building 220½ rods new road,	535 81
	D. P. Lawrence, building 100 rods new road,	275 00
	J. Gould, repairing road near J. Lynche's	50 00
	J. Lanktree, iron-work for railings,	18 14
	S. D. Fletcher, powder and fuse,	2 38
	J. Lanktree, iron posts and nails,	1 36
	Cyrus Latham, surveying new road,	12 00
	J. Gould, 26 stone posts at Nebnusset pond,	16 25
	setting posts and putting up railing,	16 00
	paid for teaming rails,	1 25
	Otis Allen, 530 feet maple joist for railing,	7 20
	Asia Nutting, building stone bridge,	29 50
	Asaph B. Cutter, 10 hours breaking roads,	1 25
	N. S. Hamblin, services as committee on L. T. Fletcher's road,	5 00
	Eli Tower, for work on different roads, 8½ days,	13 00
	finding and setting eight bound posts, on L. T. Fletcher's road,	5 00
	services as committee on L. T. Fletcher's road,	10 00
	Hiram Chandler, for horse killed by breaking through bridge,	130 00
	Cyrus Latham, surveying, and car fare,	5 00
	Thomas Drew, putting up railing on new road,	8 00
	Asia Nutting, repairing road and setting posts,	34 80
1862—*Jan'y.*—	Charles Chamberlin, irons for railings,	80
	Amos Day, work at West Burying Ground,	4 00
	Isaac E. Day, work with stone puller,	9 37
	Joseph N. Keyes, repairing bridge,	2 00
	Isaac E. Day, work with stone puller, oxen, and men,	9 37
	Total expense of Roads and Bridges,	$2381 87

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

1861—*March.*—	Order drawn,	$413 00
Sept.—	" "	50 00
Nov.—	" "	150 00
	Total,	$613 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Calvert & Sargent, for 1860,	$ 10 15
Sundry persons, taxed 1859,	36 37
Error in School District No. 6, assessed in 1860,	87
William Agnew, error in tax in 1860,	44
Luther Prescott, error in taxes, 1859,	8 82
Edwin Gould, error in taxes, 1861,	1 10
Patrick O'Tool, error in taxes, 1861,	1 10

Oliver Woodward, error in taxes, 1861,	55
Widow Mary Hale, error in taxes, 1861,	13 86
John P. Allen, error in taxes, 1861,	13 86
Widow Rebecca Hildreth, error in taxes, 1861,	27 72
Elbridge Dutton, error in taxes, 1861,	82
Charles Cummings, tax ordered, 1861,	1 84
Charles B. Christeen, $1 50; David W. Doe, $1 50, 1861,	3 00
George Hutchinson, $1 84; James Hodgson, $1 50, 1861,	3 34
John Jubb, $1 50; Rodney Kennedy, $1 50, 1861,	3 00
William Kittredge, $1 50; David Laduce, $1 50, 1861,	3 00
Ephraim Reed, $1 50; George Gilson, $1 84, 1861,	3 34
Samuel S. Gilson, $1 50; George N. Chandler, 83 cts,	2 33
Total of Abatement of Taxes,	$134 51

MILITARY EXPENSES.

1861—*May.*—To 407¾ yds of flannel,	$ 125 24
" Rubber Co., blankets,	44 00
" William Metcalf, uniform, sword, belt, &c.,	46 45
" articles for use of soldiers,	29 34
Paid for Mrs. Bond from April 29 to July 5, 1861,	48 46
" " " Nolan from April 29 to July 5, 1861,	63 53
" " " Flint from April 29 to July 5, 1861,	27 84
" " " B. L. Wright, from April 29 to July 5, 1861,	11 43
" soldiers' bounty money,	298 40
" S. Carpenter, mending boots,	17 46
" L. G. King, support of soldiers,	78 80
" for 24 pairs of boots,	87 50
" " 12 pairs socks,	6 00
" " 2 rubber blankets,	3 50
" " tobacco,	5 90
" " revolver for William Metcalf,	17 25
" town of Groton, for Westford soldiers	491 97
Total,	$1,403 07

PAYMENTS FOR FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE WAR, AFTER JULY 5, 1861.

July 10*th*—Paid Follansbee's order in favor of Mrs. Nolan,	$ 1 25
Aug. 5*th*— " Julia Nolan,	50 00
" Mirriam Bond,	44 00
" Josephine Wells,	26 00
" Lucinda Bostwick,	60 00
" Sarah A. Flint,	60 00
" Timothy Callahan,	44 00
" Mary F. Richards,	35 00
" Nancy E. Metcalf,	24 00
" Elizabeth Wright,	44 00
" Betsey J. Waterman,	15 00

Paid Ira Bicknell,	8 00
" Elizabeth Bussey,	8 00
" Mary A. Minor,	24 00
" Lucy A. Keyes,	14 36
" Nancy Gilson,	13 83
" Caroline Brown,	13 36
" Almira Cummings,	10 40
" Lucretia J. Reed,	14 20
" Zoa N. Peabody,	7 18
Total up to January 9th, 1862,	$516 58

LIBRARY.

1861—*March.*—To cash paid for books,	$ 2 44
" stationary, &c.,	75
April.—To Charles L. Fletcher, librarian, one year,	42 00
moving library and carrying books,	8 00
paid for binding books.	1 97
books, and express on same,	34 75
blank books,	1 12
	$91 03
Cr. By fines,	4 25
Cost of Library one year,	$86 78

SCHOOLS.

Money appropriated by the Town,		$1400 00	
received from the State,		62 61	
Total,			$161,462
Distributed as follows, viz:			
District No. 1, scholars,	103,	$ 220 38	
" 2, "	76,	180 96	
" 3, "	39,	126 94	
" 4, "	44,	134 24	
" 5, "	54,	148 84	
" 6, "	35,	121 10	
" 7, "	62,	160 52	
" 8, "	26,	107 96	
" 9, "	22,	102 12	
" 10, "	61,	159 06	
	522		$1462 12

LIQUOR AGENT.

Amount of sales of liquor,	$272 14	
Cash for casks,	3 00	
		$275 14
Amount of liquor purchased, and expense,	219 08	
Salary,	25 00	
Amount in Agent's hands,	31 06	
		$275 14

SUMMARY.

Ordered out incidental expenses,		$ 905 98
"	roads and bridges,	2381 87
"	overseers of the poor,	613 00
"	school districts,	1462 12
"	abatement of taxes,	134 51
"	military,	1403 07
"	soldiers' families, up to January 1st, 1862,	516 58
"	town library, for one year,	86 78
		$7503 91
Liabilities estimated at		200 00

JOHN W. P, ABBOT,
JACOB SMITH,
ELI TOWER,
} Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 8, 1862.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the support of the poor for the year ending February 8, 1862:

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee,—

February 12, 1861,		$1771 27
" 8, 1862,		1722 64
Loss on Personal Property,		$48 63
Bills paid by a former board of overseers, prior to April 1, 1861:		
N. S. Hamblin, to making out report for 1861,	$ 5 00	
cash paid T. Richardson for going to Londonderry, to see about a man to take charge of Poor Farm,	3 30	
postage,	18	
paid Geo. Reed for services as master of Poor House, from April 1, 1860, to March 6, 1861,	280 00	
for goods as by his bill,	6 23	
paid to City of Lowell, for aid rendered Mrs. Mary Parker and child,	3 75	
J. B. Buttrick, for medical attendance on Bostwick and Harris,	100 00	
City of Boston, for James Kemp, Jr.,	5 50	
Express for carrying Harris' goods to Boston,	2 00	
for car fare and expense in moving the Harris family,	5 40	
one cow,	30 00	
for writing indentures to bind Walter Scott to L. T. Fletcher,	1 00	
time spent in hiring a man to take charge of Poor Farm, and getting notices printed,	1 50	
		$443 86
Credit by cash, received of Town Treasurer,	$413 00	
Money in Overseer's hands from last year,	19 73	
Sundries sold from the farm by Geo. Reed,	2 42	
Balance paid by Chas. L. Fletcher,	8 71	
		$443 86
Income from the farm, as by Nathan Chase's books:		
Received for milk,	$122 31	
potatoes,	7 09	
fowls,	6 30	
8 calves,	40 00	
butter,	34 76	

Received for hay,	53 62	
3 hogs,	83 26	
cranberries,	15 99	
straw,	8 57	
one cowhide,	3 75	
beef,	7 15	
as by Nathan Chase's books,	11 33	
		$394 13
Cash drawn from the treasury,	$200 00	
Received from the town of Beverly,	20 00	
" " Pepperell,	3 75	
		$223 75

Bills paid by present Board of Overseers:

Paid S. D. Fletcher for goods,	$29 25
J. B. Fletcher for goods,	41 07
Chas. H. Follensbee for goods for Michael Murphy,	8 51
for goods for Mrs. Leland,	2 00
Peter Swallow for goods,	3 86
William S. Comey for meat,	24 60
John Lanktree for blacksmithing,	7 49
William McCornell for labor,	112 00
T. H. & W. C. Hamblet for grinding wheat,	1 50
12 bags of meal,	14 40
Dr. Dow for medical attendance and medicine,	24 18
S. P. & F. Wright for two tons of plaster,	13 00
meal and sawing lumber,	8 11
Mrs. Ansel Davis for two robes and one bonnet,	5 67
Chas. L. Fletcher for expense in going to Medway for John Green,	8 25
Chas. L. Fletcher for two coffins and trimmings,	9 00
searching records relative to P. Trowbridge's settlement,	1 00
Chas. L. Fletcher for going to Beverly relative to settlement of Lucy Gage,	4 00
Cash paid N. S. Hamblin, as by bill,	8 71
making out report to the State,	1 00
work at Poor Farm,	1 00
going to Medway for John Green, and returning him to Camp Chase,	12 00
services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
necessaries furnished Michael Murphy,	5 66
Eli Tower for expense and time spent in going to Carlisle to see about Edw. Richardson,	1 50
Eli Tower for time spent in burying Mrs. Susan Edwards,	1 50
expense in going to Bedford to see about Samuel Hildreth,	2 50
Eli Tower for time spent about burying Edw. Richardson and Sarah Prescott,	1 50
Eli Tower, for time spent in exchanging cows for Poor Farm,	1 50
" " going to see Alfred Scott about Scott boy,	75

Paid Eli Tower, use of plough,	1 00
services as Overseer of Poor,	5 00
Amos Day for digging two graves,	4 00
Rufus Patten for attending funeral as bearer at Poor House,	1 00
Cyrus Hamlin for pump,	9 00
Joseph Hildreth for repairing shoes,	1 40
Benjamin Osgood for medical attendance on Mrs. Lucy Gage in 1860,	20 00
Edward Prescott for going to Carlisle after E. P. Richardson and family,	2 00
Edward Prescott for three pigs,	9 00
for searching records relative to P. Trowbridge's residence,	50
Edward Prescott, three half days' work mowing machine,	7 00
making out State report,	1 00
making two and one-half bbls. of cider,	1 00
butchering,	1 00
services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
making out report for 1862,	5 00
for 53¾ bushel of corn,	33 85
difference between cows,	25 00
for harness for wagon,	25 00
Mary J. Murphy for nursing Michael Murphy's child,	6 00
Town of Carlisle for aid rendered E. Richardson,	6 05
Levi Snow for digging a grave for Susan Edwards,	2 00
Car-fare for Catherine Richardson and son to Amherst,	6 20
Town of Bedford for aid rendered Samuel Hildreth,	4 00
John Calahan for labor on Poor Farm,	8 00
for wash-tub,	1 00
Alvin Fisher for meat,	2 66
for three shoats,	18 00
Mrs. Lamb for nursing Mrs. Casey,	10 24
Solomon Hewey for keeping Mrs. J. Leland's cow,	4 10
Geo. F. Wright for two coffins,	7 57
as by Nathan P. Chase's book,	16 51
necessaries furnished James Hosley's family,	3 75
	$613 52

Statement of the expenses of the poor, above the income of the farm, for the year ending February 10, 1862:

Amount drawn from the treasury by former board of overseers, prior to April 1, 1861,	$413 00	
Money on hand Febuary 12, 1861,	19 73	
Amount drawn from the treasury by the present board of overseers,	200 00	
Loss on personal property,	48 63	
		$681 36

Cash on hand,	$ 4 36	
Due from the State,	50 00	
		$ 54 36
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of interest on farm,		$627 00

Number of persons supported in the alms-house the past year, 12; average number, 5½. The number received assistance by two meals and lodging, 84. The number assisted out of the alms-house, 17.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ELI TOWER,
CHAS. L. FLETCHER,
} Overseers of the Poor of Westford.

February 10, 1862.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Expenses of the Town of Westford,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1863.

LOWELL:
STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, COURIER OFFICE, 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1863.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, Feb'y 10, 1863.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$ 1,103 96
Cash borrowed,	11,047 00
State School Fund,	58 06
Town Clerk, dog licenses,	80 10
Fine recovered for non-license of dog,	10 00
D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent,	2 44
Town of Carlisle, expense setting up stone bounds on town line,	1 83
J. G. Abbott, error in bill corrected,	25 00
Levi Snow, grass, East Burying-ground,	4 62
Refunded by State, aid to soldiers' families,	488 27
Edward Prescott, Collector, 1860, in full,	10 00
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1861, in full,	40 97
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1862, before October 6,	4,217 55
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1862, before December 6,	917 00
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1862, after December 6,	1,761 11
	$19,768 69

PAYMENTS.

Thomas J. Hutchins, note and interest,	$ 125 42	
John W. P. Abbot (Trustee), note,	63 00	
Railroad Bank, notes and interest,	3,000 00	
John W. P. Abbot, note and interest,	512 08	
Susan J. Raymond, note and interest,	110 80	
Nancy S. Carkin, note and interest,	111 04	
Lucinda A. Sweetser, note and interest,	127 54	
Mary F. Richardson, note and interest,	107 38	
Interest on notes,	435 00	
State tax, 1862,	1,728 00	
County tax, 1862,	710 05	
Overseers of the Poor,	350 00	
School Districts,	1,485 72	
Orders,	10,379 98	
Balance, cash in hands of Treasurer,	522 68	
		$19,768 69

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons on notes, including interest, to wit:—

Jesse Wright, four notes and interest,	$1,621 00
Calvin Heywood, four notes and interest,	998 29
Joseph Hildreth, three " "	703 31
Sally Adams, two " "	233 10
Eli Tower, two " "	1,035 60
Susanna Reed, one note and interest,	157 37
Ira Leland, " "	236 58
J. W. P. Abbot (Guardian), one note and interest,	1,513 25
Betsey P. Day, " "	439 25
Trustees Westford Academy, note and interest,	622 30
Lucy Marie Day, " "	312 40
J. W. P. Abbot, " "	311 30
Winthrop F. Wheeler, " "	404 53
Isaac E. and George T. Day, " "	1,509 75
William Jubb, " "	77 37
Amos Heywood (Adm'r), " "	154 60
James Savage, " "	77 17
Jane Spalding, " "	102 83
Richard Billings, " "	77 08
John Hutchins, " "	102 68
Gilbert Parker, " "	205 30
Mechanics' Savings Bank, " "	2,050 66
William M. Whitney, " "	128 16
Levi Snow,	503 33
Oliver Wright,	603 50
Hannah W. Ryan,	400 53
	$14,582 02
Due to the several School Districts,	1,319 08
Due Master of Poor Farm,	220 00
Due on outstanding order,	4 00
Due on other outstandiug claims (estimated),	100 00
	$16,225 10

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$ 522 68	
Balance taxes uncollected,	50 00	
Due from State (State aid),	2171 00	
		$2,743 68
Balance against the Town, February 10, 1863,		$13,481 42
Balance against the Town, February 10, 1862,		7,606 69
Increase of debt,		$5,874 73

ZACCHEUS READ,
DANIEL ATWOOD, } Committee.
GEORGE DREW,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Leonard Luce, Town Clerk, salary,	$12 00	
Secretary of State certificate of marriages, births, and deaths up to Jan. 1, 1862,	16 10	
Recording deaths and births previous to March 3, 1862,	10 00	
Stationery, and express on books, &c.,	6 09	
Two journeys to Groton as Town Clerk,	3 94	
		$48 13
S. A. Brown, advising Assessors for 1860,		5 00
First Parish, use of bell to April 1, 1862,		7 50
Union Society, use of bell to April 1, 1862,		7 50
Stone & Huse, printing Selectmen's Annual Report for 1861,	$13 00	
" School Reports, 1861,	27 00	
" Blank dog licenses,	2 00	
" Tax-books, int. receipts, note-book, and binding,	27 75	
		$69 75
Samuel Wiley, going with hearse 24 times,	$21 00	
Taking hearse to Lowell for repairs, and back,	3 00	
		$24 00
J. H. Haskell, sealer's stamp,		1 20
Abram Wright, Liquor Agent,		55 00
A. W. Cuming, appraising property at Poor House, 1861,		2 00
Daniel Flagg, " " " "		1 50
First Parish, rent of hall and fuel up to Nov. 1, 1862,		34 00
Nathan Allen, examining persons for military exemption,		61 00
Levi Snow, mowing brush, &c., at East burying ground,		4 50
S. D. Fletcher, postage and stationery,	$ 7 55	
expense in paying borrowed money,	1 50	
entertaining Committee to settle with Treasurer,	2 00	
paying State and County taxes, and drawing School money,	4 50	
Treasurer's salary for 1862,	12 00	
		$27 55
I. C. Eastman, 2 blank record books and express,		14 13
Amos Day, work on West burying ground,		3 00
N. S. Hamlin, rent of room and fuel,		13 00
Asa Hildreth, collecting poll taxes,	$ 5 00	
collecting $1,761 11 at 4 per cent.	70 44	
		$75 44

J. W. P. Abbot, 7 journeys to Lynnfield, at $3 80,	$26 60		
6 journeys to Boston and Cambridge, at $2 45,	14 70		
12 journeys to Boston, at $2 25,	27 00		
making out Town Report,	5 00		
Selectman's salary,	5 00		
		$78	30
Jacob Smith, 2 journeys to Lowell,	$4 00		
making out returns to State Auditor,	2 00		
2 journeys to Boston,	6 00		
2 days spent in obtaining recruits,	4 00		
settling with the Liquor Agency,	1 50		
Selectman's salary,	5 00		
		$22	50
Zacheus Reed, appraising property at Poor Farm in 1861 and 1862,		4	00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Leonard Luce, making 42 visits, at 75 cents,	$33 00			
examining teachers four sessions,	3 00			
room, fire-wood, and lights,	2 25			
making out report,	5 00			
statistical table,	2 00			
books furnished poor children,	3 36			
		$48	61	
G. M. Rice, examining teachers five times,	$ 3 75			
twenty-six visits,	19 50			
making out School Report,	5 00			
going to Lowell, expenses, and express paid,	3 21			
		$31	46	
George T. Day, twelve visits,	$9 00			
examining teachers,	3 00			
assisting in making out School Report,	2 00			
		$14	00	
				$94 07

LIBRARY.

C. L. Fletcher, Librarian,	$50 00		
making book-case,	7 00		
F. A. Brown & Co., library books,	27 09		
		$84	09

ASSESSORS.

Joseph Hildreth,	$45 00		
Isaac E. Day,	46 00		
Stuart P. Wright,	29 25		
		$120	25
		$857	41

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT.	YEAR.	SURVEYORS.	HOURS.	AMOUNT.
No. 1	1861,	J. C. Richardson,	37	$ 4 62
2		T. H. Hamblet,	161	20 12
3		Eli Tower,	163	19 87
4		Oliver Woodward,	168	20 74
5		James Hildreth,	154½	19 31
6		Joseph Gould,	...	.....
7		Jeptha Wright,	389	48 60
8		George Wright,	...	.....
9		Amos Heywood,	...	.....
10		Isaac E. Day,	...	.....
11		Luther Wilkins,	...	.....
12		Thomas Drew,	28	3 50
13		Timothy L. Griffin,	78½	9 82
14		George Kidder,	43	5 37
15		Amos Leighton,	79½	9 94
16		A. J. Reed,	116¾	14 60
17		H. A. Hildreth,	...	.....
18		Josiah Walker,	261	32 62
13	1860,	George Hutchins,	108	13 50
6	1862,	John Lynch,	300	37 50
				$260 11

Arthur W. Aloon, Lowell, damage from bad condition of the road near W. Fletcher bridge,	7 25
Robert Wood, damage to sleigh and harness,	5 00
James Maguire, damage to chaise near L. T. Fletcher's,	3 75
A. J. Reed, work on roads,	5 00
Eli Tower, work on roads,	10 37
Oliver Woodward, work on roads,	3 50
John Lynch, work on roads,	1 75
Thomas J. Sherburne, mowing brush,	13 00
Amos Heywood, moving back and laying over wall,	10 00
E. Hutchins, work on roads,	2 77
Edwin Gould, repairing Sand Hill,	36 00
William Kittredge, repairing road to Westford Depot,	26 00
Daniel Flagg, work on road,	1 00
S. D. Fletcher, powder and fuse,	52
C. Latham, making profile of Bixby Hill,	2 00
Samuel Fletcher, blowing out ledge at Bixby Hill,	109 54
A. W. Cumings, work and use of drag at Bixby Hill,	1 50
Amos Heywood, 32 days, man and oxen, at Bixby Hill,	40 00
T. Nolan and J. Daly, 1 day each at Bixby Hill,	2 25
Jacob Smith, letting out and overseeing repairs on Sand Hill,	2 00
Charles G. Fletcher, Lowell, damage to carriage on North road,	27 45
	$570 76

STATE AID FOR FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS, FROM JANUARY 1, 1862, TO JANUARY 1, 1863,

Miriam Bond,	$48 00
Elizabeth Wright,	28 00
Lucinda Bostwick,	144 00
Mary Ann Minor,	84 00
Ira Bicknell,	16 00
Elizabeth Bussy,	48 00
Lucy A. Keyes,	96 00
Timothy Callahan,	48 00
Sarah A. Flint,	132 00
Julia Nolan,	73 00
Mary F. Richards,	4 00
Josephine Wells,	48 00
Betsy Jane Waterman,	144 00
Nancy Gilson,	12 00
Caroline A. Brown,	128 00
Almira Cumings,	96 00
Lucretia J. Reed,	144 00
Zoa N. Peabody,	80 00
Hannah Jackson,	12 00
Ellen J. Cumings,	72 00
Mary Sullivan,	72 00
Nancy S. Carkin,	38 00
Alice Daly,	19 00
Olive Ann Hosley,	60 00
Angeline B. Lawrence,	23 00
Mary Murphy,	57 00
Susan S. Raymond,	38 00
Lizzie F. Reed,	18 00
Lestina Reed,	15 00
Lucinda A. Sweetser,	54 00
Mary Jane Spaulding,	18 00
Nancy T. Wright,	63 00
John McLaughlin,	17 00
Beula Farmer,	16 00
Margaret Whitney,	30 00
Anne Calman,	48 00
Myra Sweeny,	16 00
Maria Sweeny,	16 00
Maria McDonald,	48 00
Jacob B. Smith,	8 00
Caroline Davis,	10 00
Almira F. Wilkins,	30 00
	$2171 00

SOLDIERS' BOUNTIES.

23 soldiers, 3 years' men, 1st quota, at $125 00 each,	$2,875 00
23 soldiers, 9 months' men, 2nd quota, at $125 00 each,	2,875 00
6 soldiers, 3 years' men, at $150 00 each,	900 00
	$6,650 00

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	$1,400 00
Received from the State,	58 06
	$1,458 06

Distributed as follows—

District No. 1, scholars 115,	$229 30		
2, " 67,	164 02		
3, " 59,	153 14		
4, " 36,	121 86		
5, " 50,	140 90		
6, " 34,	119 14		
7, " 52,	143 62		
8, " 27,	109 62		
9, " 32,	116 42		
10, " 64,	158 94		
		$1,456 96	
Balance,		1 10	
		$1,458 06	

LIQUOR AGENCY, YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1862.

DARIUS A. DOW, AGENT.

1862—Liquor purchased and expense,	$200 01	
Salary,	30 00	
		$230 01
Amount of sales of liquor,	$216 64	
Received for cask sold,	1 00	
		$217 64
Loss,		$12 37

The amount of liquor passed over to Abram Wright, Liquor Agent for 1862, was $31 06.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

1862—Order,	$300 00	
Order,	50 00	
		$350 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Josiah Walker, error in 1861,	$ 1 50
John F. Bannister, error in 1861,	2 25
Asa Hildreth, Collector in 1861 and 1862,	98 28
Edward Prescott, Collector in 1860,	6 68
	$108 71

SUMMARY.

Incidental expenses,	$ 857 41
Roads and bridges,	570 76
State aid to soldiers' families up to January 1, 1863,	2,171 00
Soldiers' bounties,	6,650 00
School districts,	1458 06
Overseers of the Poor,	350 00
Abatement of taxes,	108 71
	$12,165 94
Liabilities estimated at	100 00

MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED FOR ORDINARY TOWN EXPENSES IN THE THREE LAST YEARS, TO WIT.:

	MONEY RAISED.	EXPENSES.	DIFFERENCE.
1860,	$2,800 00	$2,725 65	$ 74 35 surplus.
1861,	2,800 00	4,122 14	1,322 14 deficiency.
1862,	3,000 00	1,886 88	1,113 12 surplus.

J. W. P. ABBOT,
JACOB SMITH,
PHINEHAS CHAMBERLIN, } Selectmen of Westford.

WESTFORD, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1863.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the Poor for the year ending February 9, 1863:—

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee—

February 8, 1862,	$1,732 64
February 9, 1863,	1,856 00
Gain on personal property,	$123 36

Income from the Farm, as by N. P. Chase's books:—

Received for two hogs, weighing 796 lbs.,	$ 51 74	
potatoes,	14 33	
apples,	53 91	
hay,	71 08	
56½ lbs. of lard,	5 65	
butter,	165 53	
eggs,	11 16	
calves,	37 00	
cows,	51 00	
beans,	20 00	
Alvin Fisher for skewers,	6 65	
fowls,	12 56	
straw,	6 20	
sundries, as by N. P. Chase's books,	8 87	
		$515 68

Bills paid:—

Paid for one horse sled,	$ 6 50
Peter Swallow for goods,	2 93
Sherman D. Fletcher for goods,	15 42
for butchering,	4 00
Mr. Knights for doctoring a sick cow,	2 00
for one blank book,	75
J. B. Fletcher for groceries,	40 37
S. P. & F. Wright for meal,	1 95
for plough-irons,	1 25
John Lanktree for blacksmithing,	10 16
difference between two cows,	35 00
Eli Tower for time spent in exchanging cows,	2 00
for one monkey wrench,	1 00
one dog,	1 00
John Kidder for mason work,	1 50
for two table cloths,	1 40
one cream pail,	62

Paid for brick and mortar,		$ 44
repairing aqueduct,		1 00
four pigs,		12 00
William S. Comey for meat,		13 14
J. Burns for labor on farm,		44 67
T. H. & W. C. Hamblet for meal,		34 31
for medicine for William Mears,		2 80
seed corn,		1 25
R. Kenedy for two months' labor,		24 00
Tryfield Gober for six days' labor,		6 00
A. Fish for one day's work,		2 00
Dr. Rockwood for medical attendance on John Lyon,		7 00
for one apple pearer,		62
Butterfield & Carlton for meat,		14 88
for one bushel of rye meal,		1 00
one and one-half bushels of salt,		90
woolen yarn,		75
two heifers,		24 00
one kettle and oven-mouth.		6 28
E. Prescott for three one-days' work with mowing machine,		7 00
making 20¼ barrels of cider,		8 10
time spent in exchanging cows,		1 00
30 flour barrels,		6 00
keeping heifer,		3 00
for four days' work haying,		6 00
sundries, as by N. P. Chase's books,		12 73
N. P. Chase for services as Master of the Poor House from March 5, 1861, to April 1, 1862,		294 58
		$663 30
Deduct proceeds sold from Farm,	$515 68	
And gain on personal property,	123 36	
		$739 04

Leaves $24 26 as the cost of supporting the Poor inside of the Alms-house.

Cost of Supporting the Poor outside of the Alms-House.

Paid E. Prescott for making out report to the State,	$ 1 00
going to Tyngsboro' to examine records relative to C. Reed's settlement,	1 50
services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
making out Overseers' Report,	5 00
Charles L. Fletcher for time and expense in going to Boston to see about Chas. Reed,	3 50
for going to Deer Island to see about Charles Reed,	5 50
for going to Lancaster to see about Wm. D. Carr's settlement,	2 25
for services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
stationery and postage,	75

Paid Eli Tower for going to Chelmsford four times to see about J. Kemp,	$ 3 00
services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
for goods furnished Michael Murphy,	3 09
Mrs. J. Leland,	3 82
expense of burying Mrs. Nolan's child,	10 20
to Mrs. Bond for the support of herself and children,	91 35
City of Boston for Charles Reed,	5 00
Amos Day for digging a grave for Mrs. Kemp,	2 00
Town of Chelmsford for Joseph Kemp,	5 25
for groceries for Mrs. Minor,	1 50
	$160 21

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1863.

Amount drawn from the Town Treasurer,	$350 00	
Received from the State,	10 00	
Cash on hand at last settlement,	4 36	
		$364 36
Cash in Overseer's hands, February 9, 1863,	$ 52 04	
Gain on personal property,	123 36	
Due from Eunice Prescott,	5 32	
		$180 72
Cost of supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm,		$183 64

Number of persons supported in the Alms-house the past year, 7; average number, 5½. The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, 75. The number assisted out of the Alms-house, 17.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
CHAS. L. FLETCHER,
ELI TOWER,
} Overseers of the Poor of Westford.

FEBRUARY 9, 1863.

Annual Report

OF THE

EXPENSES OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 9, 1864.

LOWELL:
STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, COURIER OFFICE, 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1864.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, Feb'y 9th, 1864.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$ 522 68
Cash borrowed,	3,492 83
State School Fund,	62 11
Town Clerk, for dog licenses,	75 10
Fines recovered for non-license of dogs,	30 00
Abram Wright, Liquor Agent,	25 92
Artemas Parker, (of Carlisle,) license to peddle,	12 00
State aid to Soldiers' families refunded,	2,151 60
Bounty paid Soldiers, refunded by State,	1,918 11
Asa Hildreth, Collector for 1862, in full,	50 00
John Cutter, Collector for 1863, before October 6th,	6,025 36
John Cutter, Collector for 1863, before December 6th,	860 82
John Cutter, Collector for 1863, after December 6th,	1,565 00
From other sources, after December 6th,	1 50
Total receipts,	$16,793 03

PAYMENTS.

Jane Spaulding's note and interest,	$ 103 56	
Richard Billings' note and interest,	78 05	
Railroad Bank, note and interest,	1,000 00	
Mechanics' Savings Bank, note and interest,	2,010 00	
Amos Heywood, note and interest,	152 45	
Lydia C. Lamb, note and interest,	511 08	
Calvin Howard, note and interest,	205 92	
Alpheus J. Reed, note and interest,	102 00	
Amount carried over,	$4,163 06	$16,793 03

Amount brought up,	$4,163 06	$16,793 03
Hannah Ryan, note and interest,	422 13	
Isaac E. and G. T. Day, note and interest,	1,508 75	
John W. P. Abbot, note and interest,	310 80	
Interest paid on notes and interest,	818 55	
State tax, 1863,	2,304 00	
County tax, 1863,	710 05	
Overseers of the Poor,	150 00	
School Districts,	1,402 52	
Orders,	4,022 72	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	980 45	
	$16,793 03	$16,793 03

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons on notes, including interest, to wit.:—

Jesse Wright, four notes and interest,	$ 1,621 00
Calvin Howard, four notes and interest,	998 29
Joseph Hildreth, three notes and interest,	703 31
Sally Adams, two notes and interest,	233 10
Eli Tower, two notes and interest,	1,035 60
Oliver Wright, two notes and interest,	1,138 60
Gilbert Parker, two notes and interest,	468 90
Levi Snow, two notes and interest,	711 63
Susanna Reed, one note and interest,	157 37
Ira Leland, one note and interest,	236 58
Betsey P. Day, one note and interest,	439 25
John W. P. Abbot, (Guardian,) note and interest,	1,513 25
Trustees of Westford Academy, note and interest,	622 30
Lucy M. Day, one note and interest,	312 40
Winthrop F. Wheeler, one note and interest,	404 53
William Jubb, one note and interest,	77 37
James Savage, one note and interest,	81 67
John Hutchins, one note and interest,	108 68
William M. Whitney, one note and interest,	128 16
Sarah Parker, one note and interest,	163 66
Elias Sweetser, one note and interest,	527 16
	$11,682 81
Due the several School Districts,	1,379 04
" Master of Poor Farm,	250 00
" on outstanding orders,	43 82
" on other outstanding claims (estimated),	100 00
	$13,455 67

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$ 980 45	
Balance taxes uncollected,	162 50	
Due from State (aid to Soldiers' families),	2,828 00	
		$3,970 95
Balance against the Town, Feb'y 9th, 1864,		9,484 72

Balance against the Town, Feb'y 10th, 1863,	$13,481 42
" " " Feb'y 9th, 1864,	9,484 72
Decrease of Town debt,	$3,996 70

JACOB SMITH,
ALVAN FISHER,
GILMAN J. WRIGHT, } *Committee.*

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Leonard Luce, Town Clerk's salary,	$12 00		
Secretary's certificate of births, &c.,	14 80		
Recording births, deaths and marriages, before 1862,	2 90		
Recording 54 deaths returned,	5 40		
Journey to Groton,	1 87		
Express on town and school books,	2 55		
Stationery, postage, &c.,	2 00		
			$41 52

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Leonard Luce, 42 visits,	$31 50		
Examining teachers four times,	3 00		
Making out report,	4 00		
Fuel, lights and room,	1 50		
School books for poor children,	4 80		
		$44 80	
George M. Rice, 30 visits,	$22 50		
Examining teachers,	3 00		
Making out report,	3 00		
Expense in going to Lowell,	2 61		
		31 11	
George T. Day, 14 visits,	$10 50		
Examining teachers,	3 50		
		14 00	
			89 91

Phinehas Chamberlin, Selectmen's salary, 1862,	5 00
Abram Wright, Liquor Agent,	35 00
Fletcher Peckins, going with the hearse 24 times,	18 96
Adjutant General's Office, blank books,	7 67
Amount carried over,	$198 06

Amount brought up,			$198 06
Stone & Huse, printing 400 town reports,	$18 75		
50 dog notices,	1 00		
300 school reports,	20 85		
1000 tax bills,	3 25		
300 road reports,	4 50		
100 bills,	1 75		
2 quires blanks,	2 00		
List of voters,	6 00		
			58 10
George Laws, appraising property at Poor-house,			1 25
Chas. L. Fletcher, balance of salary as Librarian,	$44 00		
Crosby & Nichols, books for Library,	33 00		77 00

ASSESSORS.

Joseph Hildreth, 23½ days,	$47 00		
Stationery and express,	1 08		
		$48 08	
Isaac E. Day, 18 days,		36 00	
Jacob Smith, 18 days,		36 00	
			120 08
Isaac E. Day, posting town warrants,	$4 00		
Summoning town officers,	1 28		
Going to Lowell and Shirley four times, to place men in camp, in 1862,	8 00		
1 day spent in getting three-years' men,	1 50		
			14 78
Asia Nutting, work in North Burying Ground,			6 75
First Parish, rent and fuel,			35 00
John Rand, painting 12 guide-boards,			5 60
S. D. Fletcher, paying State and County taxes, drawing School, Bounty and State Aid money,	$ 5 00		
Entertainment of Committee to settle with Treasurer,	3 00		
Treasurer's salary,	12 00		
Express, postage, paper, envelopes, &c.,	4 67		
			24 67
N. S. Hamblin, use of room to March 1st, 1864,			15 00
Traders' and Mechanics' Fire Insurance Company, insurance on Poor-house buildings,			43 54
John Cutter, collecting $1,560 at 4 per ct.	$62 40		
" poll taxes,	5 00		
			67 40
Amount carried over,			$667 23

Amount brought up,		$667 23
Amos Day, work on West Burying Ground,		3 00
J. W. P. Abbot, 12 visits to roads on complaint, and repairing, at 75c.,	$9 00	
Paid expresses,	63	
Drawing up 6 affidavits about soldiers,	1 50	
Stamps,	30	
Making out report,	5 00	
Selectman's salary,	5 00	
		21 43
Edward Prescott, perambulating town lines,	$8 00	
Settling with A. Wright, liquor Agent,	1 50	
Selectman's salary,	5 00	
		14 00
George B. Dupee, perambulating town lines,	$7 00	
Letting out bridge and accepting same,	1 00	
Selectman's salary,	5 00	
		13 00
John Dane, calf killed by dogs,		8 00
		$726 66

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1863.		
Oliver Woodward, putting up railing near J. Whidden's,		$ 4 75
Phinehas Chamberlin, repairing drills, &c.,	$ 35	
Time spent on roads in 1862,	1 00	
		1 35
Edwin Gould, 36 hours' work on roads,		4 50
John Dane, repairing bridge,	$3 00	
15 hours' work on roads,	1 87	
		4 87
George Laws, 16 hours' work on roads,		2 00
William Kittredge, repairing road,		24 00
N. S. Hamblin, repairing the O. Coolidge bridge,	$2 15	
Oren Coolidge, Jr., work on the " "	4 50	
		6 65
Edward Holt, 3 hours' work on road,	$ 37	
Mowing brush on Nashoba road,	3 00	
		3 37
Amount carried over,		$51 49

Amount brought up,		$ 51 49
Samuel Fletcher, widening the T. Cummings' bridge—		
336 feet pier and abutment stone, at 1*s.*,	$56 00	
252 feet covering stone, at 18*c.*,	45 36	
14 perch granite, at $1.25,	17 50	
Laying stone at bridge,	36 25	
J. W. P. Abbot, teaming gravel on the same,	8 75	
William Kittredge, 30 hours' work,	3 75	
		167 61
Amos Heywood, 12 hours breaking out in 1862,		1 50
Joshua Decatur, work and use of plough,		3 37
Trueworthy Keyes, 75½ hours' work,		9 44
William Chandler, 16½ days' work on roads,		16 50
George B. Dupee, work on roads,		6 50
Silas Lawrence, repairing Beaver Brook bridge,	$ 4 25	
Repairing Forge bridge abutment,	21 62	
Repairing bridge near E. Prescott's,	10 75	
		36 62
BUILDING STONE BRIDGE NEAR JOHN BAILEY'S.		
Jacob Smith, work,	$23 82	
Covering stone,	8 00	
John Bailey, work,	1 50	
Asia Nutting, 3½ days' work,	8 75	
		42 07
Asia Nutting, building over Cranberry Meadow bridge,		20 00
Luther Prescott, building 81¼ rods new road, near R. Patten's,		39 80
Isaac E. Day, work in 1862,	$2 62	
Work 17 hours in winter,	2 12	
Plow-point broken,	50	
		5 24
George P. Dupee, 65 hours' work,		8 12
		$408 26

STATE AID FOR FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS, FROM JANUARY 1, 1863, TO JANUARY 1, 1864.

Miriam Bond,	$ 52 00
Lucinda Bostwick,	144 00
Elizabeth Bussey,	52 00
Lucy A. Keyes,	104 00
Lucretia J. Reed,	144 00
Amount carried over,	$496 00

Amount brought up,	$ 496 00
Mary Sullivan,	144 00
Ellen J. Cummings,	104 00
Betsey Jane Waterman,	144 00
Caroline A. Brown,	144 00
Ira Bicknell,	52 00
Olive Ann Hosley,	144 00
Angeline B. Lawrence,	104 00
Mary Murphy,	144 00
Susan S. Raymond,	104 00
Lucinda A. Sweetser,	60 00
Nancy T. Wright,	144 00
Beulah Farmer,	21 00
Margarette Whitney,	42 00
Nancy Gilson,	104 00
Almira F. Wilkins,	84 00
Nancy S. Carkin,	104 00
Alice Daly,	100 00
Mary J. Spaulding,	52 00
Jacob B. Smith,	21 00
Myra Sweeney,	21 00
Maria Sweeney,	21 00
Maria McDonald,	24 00
William Dinsmore,	52 00
Eliza A. Conant,	18 00
Sophia C. Prescott,	17 00
	$2,465 00

WIDOWS.

Mary Ann Minor,	144 00
Sarah A. Flint,	144 00
Almira Cummings,	36 00
Zoa N. Peabody,	39 00
	$363 00
Total,	$2,828 00

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	$1,400 00
Received from the Commonwealth,	62 11
	$1,462 11

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

District No.	1	Scholars	116	$226 24
" "	2	"	62	154 96
" "	3	"	50	139 12
" "	4	"	46	133 84
" "	5	"	54	144 40
" "	6	"	28	110 08
" "	7	"	52	141 76
" "	8	"	43	129 88
" "	9	"	18	96 88
" "	10	"	85	185 32
			554	$1,462 48
Excess				$0 37

LIQUOR AGENCY STATEMENT—YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1863.

ABRAM WRIGHT, AGENT.

1863.		
Cash received from the Town,		$ 55 00
Value of liquors received from D. A. Dow,		31 06
Casks sold,		3 00
Liquors sold,		133 04
		$222 10
Paid for liquors and expenses,	$161 30	
Compensation,	19 50	
Liquors on hand, valued at	30 39	
		211 19
Difference,		$10 91

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

1863—Order,	$150 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Asa Hildreth, Collector for 1861 and 1862,	$62 79
John Cutter, Collector for 1863,	17 62
George Laws, error, 1863,	7 20
Louis Rouilard, error, 1862,	72
Charles N. Richardson, error, 1863,	4 50
	$92 83

SUMMARY.

Incidental Expenses,	$ 726 66
Roads and Bridges,	408 26
State Aid to Soldiers' Families to January 1st, 1864,	2,828 00
Schools,	1,462 48
Overseers of the Poor,	150 00
Abatement of Taxes,	92 83
	$5,668 23
Liabilities estimated at	100 00

MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED FOR ORDINARY TOWN EXPENSES IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS, TO WIT,:

	MONEY RAISED.	EXPENSES.	DIFFERENCE.
1860	$2,800 00	$2,725 65	$ 74 35 +
1861	2,800 00	4,122 14	1,322 14 –
1862	3,000 00	1,886 88	1,113 12 +
1863	4,000 00	1,377 75	2,622 25 +

J. W. P. ABBOT,
EDWARD PRESCOTT,
GEORGE B. DUPEE,
Selectmen of Westford.

WESTFORD: February 9th, 1864.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the Poor for the year ending February 5th, 1864: —

Amount of personal property at the Poor-House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee:	
February 9th, 1863,	$1846 00
February 2nd, 1864,	1886 45
Gain on personal property,	$40 45

Income from the Farm, as by N. P. Chase's books.

Received for one yoke of oxen,	$123 00	
Hay,	94 31	
Butter,	238 75	
Pork,	111 14	
Calves,	55 50	
Straw,	37 78	
One cow,	20 00	
Beans,	45 50	
Cider,	17 97	
Dried Apple,	22 78	
Fowls,	10 50	
Oats,	22 29	
Cranberries,	20 00	
Eggs,	12 40	
Old iron,	4 18	
Skewers,	8 00	
Apple sauce,	2 40	
Pickles,	2 00	
Potatoes,	8 61	
One shoat,	3 50	
Boarding one man three weeks and four days,	8 26	
Lard,	4 98	
Sundries, as by N. P. Chase's book,	12 33	
		$886 18

Bills Paid.

For one yoke of oxen,	$120 00	
Two cows,	56 32	
Meal,	69 28	
Butterfield & Carlton, for meat,	34 25	
John B. Fletcher, for goods,	44 07	
S. D. Fletcher, for goods,	56 57	
John Lanktree, for blacksmithing,	8 08	
Joseph Hildreth, for repairing boots,	6 03	
William S. Comey, for meat,	5 06	
For castings and repairs on plow,	5 96	
Butchering,	3 25	
Coffin and robe for Mrs. Pike,	7 00	
Dr. D. A. Dow, for medical attendance on Mrs. Pike,	1 00	
For license on dog,	1 00	
One pound of woolen yarn,	1 60	
Three milk pans,	90	
Looking-glass,	80	
Fresh fish,	1 72	
Jacket, for Abijah Reed,	2 50	
Tin ware,	2 61	
Wooden ware,	75	
Cleaning clock,	50	
Flouring wheat,	75	
Pasturing one heifer,	3 25	
Buckskin mittens, for Abijah Reed,	1 25	
Labor on farm,	143 50	
Sundries, as by N. P. Chase's book,	18 75	
E. Prescott, for making cider,	4 73	
N. P. Chase for services as Master of the Poor-house, from April 1st, 1862, to April 1st, 1863,	262 50	
		$862 98
Which deduct from proceeds sold from farm,	$886 18	
And gain on personal property,	40 45	
		926 63

Leaves $63 65 in favor of the Town.

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMS-HOUSE.

Paid Dr. D. A. Dow, for medical attendance upon Jos. Edgerly, and conveying him to State Alms-House, at Tewksbury,	$11 00
Amount carried over,	$11 00

Amount brought up,	$ 11 00
Paid Dr. D. A. Dow, for medical attendance on Mrs. J. Kemp, Jr,, and conveying her to the Massachusetts General Hospital, at Boston,	13 00
Mrs. Bond, for the support of herself and children,	26 00
Fletcher Peckins, for going to Chelmsford with hearse, for Mrs. Kemp,	1 25
For necessaries for John Taylor's family,	18 00
Town of Littleton, for Mrs. Kemp,	40 12
Hildreth & Fletcher, for goods for Mrs. Kemp,	16 98
S. D. Fletcher, for goods for Mrs. Minor,	3 83
James Dillon, for taking care of Joseph Edgerly,	16 00
Charles L. Fletcher, for 12 lbs. salt pork for Mrs. Minor,	1 50
For shawl for Mrs. Kemp,	2 00
For going to Littleton, to see about Mrs. Kemp,	1 00
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
Mrs. Davis, for bonnet for Mrs. Kemp,	1 75
Dr. Josiah Bartlett, for going to Boston with Mrs. Kemp,	7 61
E. Prescott, for going to Ipswich, to see about Eunice Fletcher,	6 50
For Mrs Kemp's fare to Boston,	1 00
For going twice to Littleton, to see about Mrs. Kemp,	2 00
For postage and stationery,	75
For making out Report to the State,	2 00
For making out Report to the Town,	5 00
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
Eli Tower, for services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
Dr. O. F. Seavy, for medical attendance on J. Taylor's child,	5 00
	$197 29

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM,

For the year ending February 5th, 1864,

Amount drawn from the Town Treasurer,	$150 00	
Cash on hand at last settlement,	52 04	
		$202 04
Cash in Overseers' hands, February 5th, 1864,	$19 70	
Gain on personal property,	40 45	
Due from Eunice Prescott,	5 32	
		$65 47
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm,		$136 57

Number of persons supported in the Alms-House the past year, six; average number, four. The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, twenty-four. The number assisted out of the Alms-House, fourteen.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
CHAS. L. FLETCHER,
ELI TOWER,
} *Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.*

February 5th, 1864.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Expenses of the Town of Westford

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1865.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, COURIER OFFICE, NO. 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1865.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WESTFORD, February 8th, 1865.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at the last settlement,	$ 980 45
Cash borrowed,	19,708 38
State School Fund,	73 14
Town Clerk, dog licenses,	27 00
Moses Caryl, Liquor Agent,	14 92
Poll Taxes, special assessment,	42 00
Traders and Mechanics Ins. Co., (error corrected),	1 00
State Aid to soldiers' families refunded,	2,600 00
J. W. P. Abbot, unexpended apportionment tax for recruiting,	30 02
State Treasurer, allowance for recruiting,	159 33
Town of Groton, Schooling, District No. 3,	12 50
John Cutter, Collector, 1863, in full,	162 50
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1864, before October 6th,	6,049 41
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1864, before December 6th,	803 22
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1864, after December 6th,	2,000 00
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1864,	1,090 30
	$33,754 17

PAYMENTS.

Wm. M. Whitney, note and interest,	$ 129 16	
J. W. P. Abbot,	618 00	
J. W. P. Abbot, Guardian,	412 00	
J. W. P. Abbot, Adm. Susanna Reed's estate,	157 12	
Railroad Bank, notes and interest,	4950 00	
Interest paid on notes,	675 00	
State Tax, 1864,	2304 00	
County tax, 1864,	709 09	
Overseers Poor,	350 00	
School Districts,	1711 38	
Orders,	21161 82	
Balance cash in Treasurer's hands,	576 60	
	$33,754 17	$33,754 17

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons on notes including interest, also other claims, to wit:—

Jesse Wright, four notes and interest,	$1,621 00
Calvin Howard, four notes and interest,	998 29
Levi Snow, four notes and interest,	1,425 66
Joseph Hildreth, three notes and interest,	703 31
Amos Day, three notes and interest,	512 63
Eli Tower, two notes and interest,	1,035 26
Mrs. Sally Adams, two notes and interest,	233 00
Oliver Wright, two notes and interest,	1,131 63
Gilbert Parker, two notes and interest,	468 64
Elias Sweetser, two notes and interest,	1,449 80
Trustees Westford Academy, two notes and interest,	830 06
Mrs. B. P. Day, two notes and interest,	723 14
Alpheus J. Reed, two notes and interest,	516 81
John Lanktree, two notes and interest,	408 79
Rachel Blood, two notes and interest,	1,608 93
Alson Tuttle, two notes and interest,	898 16
John W. P. Abbot, two notes and interest,	864 85
Ira Leland, one note and interest,	236 51
J. W. P. Abbot, Guardian, one note and interest,	1,513 25
Mrs. Lucy Maria Day, one note and interest,	312 35
Winthrop F. Wheeler, one note and interest,	404 40
John Hutchins, one note and interest,	102 65
Mrs. Sarah Parker, one note and interest,	263 58
Mrs. Betsey K. Groce, one note and interest,	526 91
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed, one note and interest,	526 16
Mrs. Susan S. Raymond, one note and interest,	732 78
Elbridge G. Parker, one note and interest,	519 91
Luther Wilkins, one note and interest,	129 89
George Hutchins, one note and interest,	310 85
Mechanics' Saving Bank, Lowell, one note and interest,	3,079 50
James Murphy, one note and interest,	125 00
Mrs. Permelia Hildreth, one note and interest,	150 20
George Abbot, one note and interest,	300 30
Abiel J. Abbot, one note and interest,	900 90
William Jubb, one note and interest,	81 85
James Savage, one note and interest,	86 15
	$25,733 10
Due the several School Districts,	1,153 30
" Master of Poor Farm,	300 00
" on outstanding orders,	9 68
" seven recruits for bounties, as by vote of the Town,	875 00
" for other outstanding claims (estimated),	100 00
	$28,171 08

RESOURCES.

Balance cash in Treasurer's hands,	$ 576 60	
Balance taxes uncollected,	51 64	
Due from State (aid to Soldiers' families),	3,135 50	
		$ 3,763 74
Balance against the Town, Feb'y 8th, 1865,		$24,407 34
Balance against the Town, Feb'y 9th, 1864,		9,484 72
Increase of Town debt,		$14,922 62

ZACCHEUS READ,
AMOS HILDRETH, 2d, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM REED, 1st.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

First Parish, use of bell two years to April 1st, 1864,		$15 00
Union Society, use of bell two years to April 1st, 1864,		15 00
Fletcher Peckins, going with the hearse 15 times,		11 85
S. D. Fletcher, stamps, paper and postage,		9 70
First Parish, rent of Hall and Fuel,		35 00
Levi Snow, work on east burying ground, 1863 and '64,		7 00
Jacob Smith, examining guide boards and posts, 2 days,		5 00
Stone & Huse, printing Town and School Reports and bills,		51 50
Isaac E. Day, posting town warrants in 1863,		4 00
S. D. Fletcher, paying State and County taxes, &c.,	$ 5 00	
Entertainment for Committee to settle,	3 00	
Treasurer's salary,	25 00	
		33 00
E. Symmes, coloring maps,		2 00
N. S. Hamblin, use of room and fuel,		18 00
Asa Hildreth, collecting $2,000 00 at 4½ per cent.,	$90 00	
Paid for stamps,	1 00	
Collecting poll taxes,	5 00	
		96 00
G. B. Dupee, cash paid for printing,		2 00
Leonard Luce, Town Clerk's salary,	$12 00	
Recording marriages, births and deaths,	20 60	
One day at Groton,	1 87	
Express on town and school books,	3 75	
Stationery, postage, &c.,	3 00	
		41 22
School Committee,	46 00	
Books furnished for children,	3 74	
		49 74
For Arithmetics,		31 00
Amount carried over,		$427 01

Amount brought up,		$427 01
George M. Rice, School Committee, 33 visits,	$24 75	
Examining teachers five times,	3 75	
Making out School Report and cash paid,	4 65	
		33 15

LIBRARY.

I. C. Eastman, binding and repairing 57 vols.,	$19 75	
Cash paid for books,	33 00	
Covering paper,	3 33	
		56 08

ASSESSORS.

Joseph Hildreth, 27 days,	$54 00	
Paid express, 50 cts., stationary, 50 cts.,	1 00	
		55 00
Isaac E. Day, 21 days,	$42 00	
6 days copying valuation book,	12 00	
		54 00
Jacob Smith, 24½ days,	$49 00	
Making out military roll,	2 00	
5 days copying Assessors' books,	10 00	
Postage,	25	
		61 25

SELECTMEN.

J. W. P. Abbot, cash paid for stamps and express,	$5 05	
Interest on money borrowed for the use of the town,	55 99	
Making out annual report,	5 00	
Selectman's salary,	5 00	
		71 04
Edward Prescott, Selectman's salary,		5 00
G. B. Dupee, paid for stamps,	$ 40	
Selectman's salary,	5 00	
		5 40

LIQUOR AGENT.

D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent,	$50 00	
Liquor agency license,	20 00	
		70 00
		$728 23

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

David Reed, work on roads in 1863,		$10 27
G. B. Dupee, work and cash paid for work,		13 75
Putting up guide boards,		1 00
Calvin Howard, work in 1863 and 1864,		3 75
Winslow Eager, work in 1864,		1 25
Levi T. Fletcher, work in 1863 and 1864, 155 hours,		19 43
Daniel Flagg, work in 1863 and 1864, 126 hours,		15 75
Isaac E. Day, work in 1862, 43½ hours,		5 40
Samuel Fletcher, work in 1863,		4 15
E. L. White, (Shirley,) damage on road near G. O. Wright's house,		10 00
Ira Leland, work,		7 00
J. W. P. Abbot, cash paid for work on roads,		2 40
G. B. Dupee, viewing roads four times,	$3 00	
Going to Shirley to settle with E. L. White,	3 00	
		6 00
Edward Prescott, settling with E. L. White,		1 75
Andrew Fletcher, work on roads in 1863,		3 87
Asia Nutting, repairing bridge at Heywood's mills,		3 00
Eli Tower, injury on road,		25 00
		$133 77

SCHOOLS.

Voted by the Town,	$1,400 00	
Received from the State,	73 14	
		$1,473 14

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. 1,	Scholars, 105,	$218 55	
No. 2,	" 65,	163 80	
No. 3,	" 46,	137 41	
No. 4,	" 47,	138 85	
No. 5,	" 50,	143 01	
No. 6,	" 35,	122 20	
No. 7,	" 49,	141 62	
No. 8,	" 37,	124 98	
No. 9,	" 16,	96 73	
No. 10,	" 81,	185 99	
			$1,473 14

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

B. L. White, highway tax, 1862,	$ 61
J. D. Wilkinson, highway tax, 1862,	71
B. T. Cross, highway tax, 1862,	1 41
George P. Spaulding, town tax, 1863,	2 32
Ira Jaquith, poll tax, 1863,	2 00
John Cutter, Collector, error in footing of taxes, 1863,	103 26
" " " abatement of taxes, 1863,	15 35
Henry Herrick, error, poll tax, 1863,	2 00
P. Kimball, error, town tax, 1863,	9 00
Winthrop F. Wheeler, error, town tax, 1863,	5 65
John Hildreth, error, town tax, 1864,	5 65
Asia Nutting, error, town tax, 1864,	11 30
Jeptha Wright, error, town tax, 1864,	4 52
George W. Cummings, error, town tax, 1864,	68
Levi Prescott, highway tax overworked,	33
Asa Hildreth, Collector, abatement of taxes,	47 13
" " " "	36 29
	$248 31

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Orders,	$350 00

STATE AID.

To Soldiers' Families and Widows,	$2,907 50

LIQUOR AGENCY STATEMENT UP TO MAY 1, 1864.

Cash received from the town,	$ 35 00	
" for liquors sold,	138 49	
		$173 49
Liquors purchased and expense,	$101 32	
Paid for U. S. license,	13 33	
Agent's salary,	18 00	
		132 65
Difference,		$40 84

RECRUITING.

The Selectmen during the year ending February 8th, 1865, have put into the United States' Military and Naval Service eighty-five men, at a cost each in gold of	$ 66 43
" " currency of	203 97
Aggregate cost in gold,	6,642 72
" currency,	17,337 50

But from $17,337 50 is to be deducted $875 00, the amount yet due and unpaid, which leaves the sum of $16,462 50 as the amount paid up to this date.

The whole expense of recruiting, including cash paid for fares, board, transportation, including persons going to Concord, Lowell, and Groton for examination,	$634 30
Deduct received from the Commonwealth,	159 33
Expense of recruiting,	$474 97

Upon inquiry at the Provost Marshal's office, information was given that the basis was so many years' service, and the period of each man reckoned in years and credited to the town. On the 19th of December, 1864, the town was credited with an excess over and above all calls of	25 years.
Since December 19th, 1864, 8 three-years' men have been put into the service, equal to	24 years.
*Or a total of	49 years.

And equal to 16⅓ three-years' men.

SUMMARY.

Incidental Expenses,	$ 728 23
Roads and Bridges,	133 77
Schools,	1,473 14
Abatement of Taxes,	48 31
Overseers of the Poor,	350 00
State Aid,	2,907 50
Bounties,	16,462 50
Expense of Recruiting,	474 97
	$22,778 42

J. W. P. ABBOT,
EDWARD PRESCOTT,
GEORGE B. DUPEE,
Selectmen of Westford.

WESTFORD, February 8th, 1865.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the Poor for the year ending February 6th, 1865:—

Amount of personal property at the Poor-House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee:	
February 2d, 1864,	$1,886 45
February 2d, 1865,	2,297 85
Gain on personal property,	$411 40

Income from the Farm, as by N. P. Chase's books.

Received for Hay,	$ 51 43	
Calves,	77 00	
Chickens,	7 76	
Lard,	4 65	
Eggs,	8 18	
Potatoes,	10 00	
Skewers,	8 00	
Apple sauce,	2 00	
Old iron,	12 91	
Butter,	346 76	
Two cows,	50 00	
Apples,	46 79	
Cider,	75 06	
Beans,	98 45	
Fresh pork,	136 77	
Oats,	24 50	
One pig,	3 00	
Sundries, as by N. P. Chase's books,	21 97	
		$985 23

Bills Paid.

For books and slates for the Leland boys,	$ 1 95	
Amos Day, for digging grave for Mrs. Pike,	2 00	
Groceries,	8 73	
Pork,	9 85	
Freight on three trunks for Mrs. Cowdrey,	1 18	
Town of Holyoke for relief of Mrs. Cowdrey,	5 00	
No. 3 Buckeye mowing machine,	110 00	
William S. Comey, for meat,	79 53	
S. D. Fletcher for goods,	64 92	
Hildreth & Fletcher, for goods,	43 79	
John B. Fletcher, for goods,	89 68	
Two pair of stockings, for A. Reed,	1 00	
I. E. Day, for butchering four hogs,	2 00	
A. Parker, for goods,	7 07	
John Lanktree, for blacksmithing,	14 59	
Ten pigs,	43 13	
License on dog,	1 00	
Labor on farm,	87 88	
One cow,	35 00	
Woolen yarn,	1 00	
George Heywood, for meal,	33 90	
Sundries, as by N. P. Chase's book,	9 67	
E. Prescott, for making 24 1-16th barrels cider,	16 84	
Butchering two hogs,	1 50	
N. P. Chase, for services as Master of Poor Farm, from April 1st, 1863, to April 1st, 1864,	300 00	
		$971 21
Which deduct from proceeds sold from farm,	$985 23	
And gain on personal property,	411 40	
		1,396 63

Leaves $425 42 in favor of the Town.

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMS-HOUSE.

Paid Dr. Dow, for medical attendance on Mrs. Miner's child,	$ 7 00
Dr. Dow, for medical attendance on John Hunter,	2 00
Dr. Dow, for medical attendance on James Jaffrey, and carrying him to State Alms-House,	12 00
Mrs. A. Bond, for support of herself and children,	18 00
For support of John Taylor's family,	20 00
City of Lowell, for relief of S. Hoyle,	3 75
For relief of S. Hoyle.	151 57
John Lynch, for boarding John Jaffrey,	10 00
Charles L. Fletcher, for going to Littleton to see about James Kemp, Jr.,	1 00
Going to Holyoke, to see about Mrs. G. W. Cowdrey,	12 50
Going to Townsend, to see about Mary E. Cowdrey,	3 00
Board for Mary E. Cowdrey,	9 05
Going to Lowell twice, to see about Sam. Hoyle,	3 00
Going to Dracut twice, to see about Eben Wright,	3 00
Services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
Hildreth & Fletcher, for goods for Simon Nutting,	12 27
Hildreth & Fletcher, for goods for H. Peabody,	2 78
Eli Tower, for going to Lowell twice to see about Sam. Hoyle, and to Littleton twice to see about James Kemp, Jr.,	5 00
Services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
For wood for Mrs. Farmer,	4 88
Town of Ipswich, for support of Eunice Fletcher,	21 75
Necessaries for Mrs. J. Kemp, Jr.,	3 68
Edward Prescott, for going to Ipswich to see about Eunice Fletcher,	7 00
Necessaries for Eunice Fletcher,	16 00
For going to Tewksbury, to carry Carl Vonhears to Alms-House,	5 00
Services Overseer of Poor,	10 00
Blank book,	5 00
Daniel Flagg, for appraising property at the Poor-House, for 1864,	2 00
S. D. Fletcher, for goods for Mrs. Miner,	1 00
For making out Report to the State,	5 00
A. W. Cummings, for appraising property at the Poor-House for 1863–1864–1865,	6 00
Sundry bills,	6 00
	$389 23

Of the above bills there remains unpaid, $24 04

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE POOR-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT,

For the year ending February 6th, 1865.

Unpaid bills,	$ 24 04	
Amount drawn from the Town Treasurer,	350 00	
Cash on hand at last settlement,	19 70	
Received of Eunice Prescott,	5 89	
		$399 63
Cash in Overseer's hands, Feb. 6th, 1865,	$ 0 45	
Gain on personal property,	411 45	
Due from Town of Groton, for the relief of Simon Nutting,	12 37	
		424 27
Leaves a net profit to the Town of		$24 64

Number of persons supported in the Alms-House the past year, eleven; average number, five. The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, thirty. The number assisted out of the Alms-House, seventeen.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
CHAS. L. FLETCHER,
ELI TOWER,
Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.

February 6th, 1865.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Expenses of the Town of Westford

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1866.

LOWELL, MASS:
STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, COURIER OFFICE, NO. 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1866.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

WESTFORD, February 10th, 1866.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$ 576 60
Cash borrowed,	5,572 25
State School Fund,	82 16
State Aid to soldiers' families refunded,	3,078 00
D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent,	50 00
From sales of wood on Poor Farm,	2,320 00
From interest on wood on Poor Farm,	2 28
Artemas Parker, Carlisle, for license,	6 00
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1864, in full,	51 64
William Agnew, Collector, 1865, before October 6th,	11,598 35
William Agnew, Collector, 1865, before December 6th,	1,928 59
William Agnew, Collector, 1865, after December 6th,	3,025 00
	$28,290 87

PAYMENTS.

Winthrop F. Wheeler, note and interest,	$ 406 93
Alson Tuttle, note and interest,	280 18
Luther Wilkins, note and interest,	131 20
Phebe W. Carter, note and interest,	352 80
Sally Adams, two notes and interest,	239 42
James Murphy, one note and interest,	129 06
James Savage, 2nd, one note and interest,	88 50
J. W. P. Abbot, one note and interest,	467 85
George Abbot, one note and interest,	311 90
Abiel J. Abbot, one note and interest,	909 00
Mechanics' Savings Bank, Lowell, note and interest,	3,016 50
Railroad Bank, note and interest,	1,500 00
Rachael Blood, two notes and interest,	1,674 15
Amount carried forward,	$9,507 49

Amount brought forward,	$9,507 49	
William Jubb, one note and interest,	85 00	
Joseph Hildreth, one note and interest,	128 42	
Jesse Wright, note and interest,	388 88	
Calvin Howard, note and interest,	126 40	
John Hutchins, note and interest,	101 52	
A. J. Reed, note and interest,	101 50	
Amos Day, two notes and interest,	308 87	
Levi Snow, two notes and interest,	840 01	
George Hutchins, note and interest,	308 45	
John Lanktree, two notes and interest,	417 99	
Oliver Wright, note and interest,	527 66	
Susan S. Raymond, two notes and interest,	941 80	
Interest paid on notes,	1,209 00	
State Tax, 1865,	4,888 00	
County Tax,	754 15	
Overseers Poor,	700 00	
School Districts,	1,413 03	
Orders,	4,654 80	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	887 90	
		$28,290 87

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons on notes including interest; also other claims, to wit:—

Amos Day, three notes and interest,	$ 959 89
Jesse Wright, three notes and interest,	1,227 47
Calvin Howard, three notes and interest,	870 13
Rachel Blood, two notes and interest,	1,312 95
Sarah S. Reed, two notes and interest,	737 06
Levi Snow, two notes and interest,	610 56
Betsey P. Day, two notes and interest,	723 38
Elias Sweetser, two notes and interest,	1,450 26
Gilbert Parker, two notes and interest,	468 80
Trustees of Westford Academy, two notes and interest,	830 60
A. J. Reed, two notes and interest,	418 95
Eli Tower, two notes and interest,	1,035 60
Joseph Hildreth, two notes and interest,	572 73
Phebe W. Carter, two notes and interest,	498 88
Ira Leland, one note and interest,	236 58
J. W. P. Abbot, Guardian, one note and interest,	1,515 25
L. Maria Day, one note and interest,	312 45
Oliver Wright, one note and interest,	603 50
Sarah Parker, one note and interest,	263 66
Elbridge G. Parker, one note and interest,	520 75
J. W. P. Abbot, one note and interest,	414 53
Alson Tuttle, one note and interest,	620 90
Permelia Hildreth, one note and interest,	150 22
Amount carried forward,	$16,355 10

Amount brought forward,	$16,355 10
Timothy Fletcher, one note and interest,	105 50
Sarah Osgood, one note and interest,	104 98
Charles L. Fletcher, one note and interest,	524 83
Joseph E. Wright, one note and interest,	103 00
Betsey K. Grose, one note and interest,	527 08
Due the several School Districts,	1,223 21
" Master of Poor Farm,	300 00
" for bounties, as by vote of Town,	250 00
" on outstanding orders,	30 84
" for other outstanding claims (estimated),	250 00
	$19,774 54

RESOURCES.

Balance of cash in Treasurer's hands,	$ 887 90	
*Balance of taxes, 1865, uncollected,	448 72	
Due from State (aid to soldiers' families), 1864,	57 50	
" from State (aid to soldiers' families), 1865,	2,201 18	
" from State (Corporation tax), 1865,	978 43	
" from Ira Leland, for wood,	25 87	
		4,599 60
Balance against the Town, February 10th, 1866,		$15,174 94
Balance against the Town, February 8th, 1865,		24,407 34
Reduction of Town debt,		$9,232 40

ISAAC E. DAY,
J. M. CHAMBERLIN, } *Committee.*
GEORGE F. SNOW,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

* $200.00 of this tax has been paid since the settlement.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

S. A. Brown, written opinion about Town appropriations,		$ 10 00
Leonard Luce, Town Clerk's salary,	$ 12 00	
Recording births, &c., expresses, stationery, postage, &c.,	30 73	
		42 73
D. A. Dow, medical attendance on J. Currier,		40 00
Wm. Kittredge, attending funerals and making returns,		30 20
First Parish, use of bell,		7 50
Union Society, use of bell,		7 50
Stone & Huse, printing,		55 85
Flether Peckins, attending funerals and making returns,		13 20
Charles L. Fletcher, making book-case,		15 00
Paid seven persons, going to Concord for exemption,		7 00
First Parish, rent of hall and wood,		35 00
J. W. P. Abbot, fares of men to Groton and Concord,	$5 50	
Expresses, paper, stamps, &c.,	8 50	
		14 00
Levi Snow, work on east burying ground,		4 00
Amos Day, work on west burying ground,		3 00
D. A. Dow, returning twenty births,		5 00
S. D. Fletcher, envelopes, postage, paper, interest paid on money, &c.,	$ 19 80	
Paying State and County taxes, and collecting school and State aid money,	5 00	
Entertainment to Committee to reckon with the Treasurer,	4 00	
Two journeys to Lowell,	3 50	
Treasurer's salary,	25 00	
		57 30
N. S. Hamblin, use of room,		18 00
I. E. Day, posting Town warrants,		4 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

L. Luce, services,	$49 50	
Books furnished poor children,	7 05	
		56 55
Amount carried forward,		$425 83

Amount brought forward,		$425 83
G. M. Rice,		33 55
G. T. Day,		15 00

ASSESSORS.

Joseph Hildreth, thirty-two days,	$64 00	
Express and stationery,	50	
Use of room and taking care of books five years,	10 00	
		74 50
Jacob Smith, sixteen days,		32 00
Charles L. Fletcher, twenty-two and one-half days,		45 00

POOR FARM WOOD SOLD.

Edward Symmes, surveying and lotting,	48 50
E. B. Patch & Co., advertising and selling,	39 86
J. W. P. Abbot, Committee,	10 00
Joseph Hildreth, Committee,	15 00
Edward Prescott, Committee,	9 00
S. D. Fletcher, refreshments furnished,	13 89

LIBRARY.

Eliza J. Herrick, services twenty-three months, up to April 1st, 1865,	76 67
Books,	33 40

SELECTMEN.

J. W. P. Abbot,	10 00
G. T. Day,	9 00
Wm. Reed,	12 00
	$903 20

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

John Lynch, breaking out roads,	$ 20 40
Allen R. Perham, breaking out roads,	23 40
B. V. Lyon, breaking out roads,	12 60
Josiah Walker, breaking out roads,	16 47
William Agnew, breaking out roads	21 15
R. L. Plaisted, breaking out roads,	11 34
Eli Tower, breaking out roads,	16 56
Amos Leighton, breaking out roads,	1 35
Amount carried forward,	$123 27

Amount brought forward,		$123 27
John Cutter, breaking out roads,		10 44
T. L. Griffin, breaking out roads,		8 10
William Agnew, cutting brush and paid for mending plow,	$ 1 60	
Building stone bridge, near Adams' Mills,	10 00	
		11 60
A. R. Perham, work on roads,	$ 4 00	
Repairing Makepeace road,	12 78	
		16 78
J. B. Fletcher, powder and fuse,		12 22
Cyrus Latham, surveying, laying out and preparing plans of roads, at Graniteville,		22 15
Samuel Fletcher, repairing roads at Graniteville, in 1863 and 1864,	$ 24 00	
Sharpening drills,	1 80	
		25 80
S. D. Fletcher, powder and fuse,		94
Amos Leighton, repairing stone bridge,		1 50
George Fletcher, work on roads,		2 00
Daniel Falls, cutting brush,		2 00
B. V. Lyon, repairing bridge on north road,	$ 44 08	
Work on roads,	8 49	
		52 57
T. L. Griffin, work on roads,		3 60
Ward Coburn, one hundred and one and one-fourth days work on road at Graniteville,		178 25
J. W. P. Abbot, services as Committee on roads at Graniteville,		10 00
Trueworthy Keyes, work on roads,		1 00
		$482 22

BOUNTIES.

Peter Bussey,	$125 00
James A. Graham,	125 00
Ai Bicknell,	125 00
Joseph Raymond,	125 00
Dexter W. Waterman,	125 00
	$625 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

1865, order,	$350 00
1866, order,	350 00
	$700 00

STATE AID.

During the year 1865,	$2,201 18

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Rhoda Spaulding, 1864,		$ 40
Edward Prescott, 1865,		18 50
J. W. P. Abbot, 1865,		19 09
Martha Spaulding, 1864,		48
Hezekiah Cummings, 1865,		9 25
Edmund Symmes, 1865,		3 70
Jacob A. Wright, 1865,		92
Luther Reed, 1864,		1 40
Asa Hildreth, Collector in 1862 and 1864,		95 77
William Agnew, collecting poll taxes, 1865,	$ 5 00	
Abatement of taxes,	257 76	
		262 76
John H. Young,		2 00
Warren Chandler,		3 89
E. G. Parker,		12 95
		$431 06

LIQUOR AGENCY STATEMENT UP TO MAY 1, 1865.

D. A. DOW, LIQUOR AGENT.

DR.—	
Drawn from the Town Treasury,	$ 50 00
Cash received for liquors sold,	207 38
	$257 38
CR.—	
Liquors purchased and expenses,	$ 160 12
Agent's salary,	30 00
Cash in Agent's hands,	67 26
	$257 38

SCHOOLS.

Voted by the Town,	$ 1,400 00
Received from the Commonwealth,	82 16
	$1,482 16

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. 1,	Scholars,	93,	$209 88
No. 2,	"	63,	165 08
No. 3,	"	42,	135 42
No. 4,	"	49,	145 64
No. 5,	"	32,	120 82
No. 6,	"	34,	123 74
No. 7,	"	47,	142 72
No. 8,	"	29,	116 44
No. 9,	"	24,	109 04
No. 10,	"	96,	214 16
			$1,482 94

SUMMARY.

Incidental expenses,	$ 903 20
Roads and Bridges,	482 22
Bounties,	625 00
Overseers of the Poor,	700 00
State Aid,	2,201 18
Abatement of Taxes,	431 06
Schools,	1,482 94
Total,	6,825 60

J. W. P. ABBOT,
GEORGE T. DAY,
WILLIAM REED,
} *Selectmen of Westford.*

WESTFORD, February 10th, 1866.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the Poor for the year ending February, 1866:

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee:

February 3d, 1865,	$2,297 85
February 3d, 1866,	2,267 29
Loss on personal property,	$30 56

Income from the Farm, as by Ward Coburn's books.

Received for	Butter,	$169 97	
	Milk,	34 98	
	Beans,	32 58	
	Dried Apple,	15 96	
	Two Cows,	168 50	
	Hogs,	175 25	
	Calves,	41 64	
	Cranberries,	50 00	
	Eggs,	3 62	
	Chickens,	4 16	
	Apple sauce,	1 00	
	Copper pump and old lead pipe,	9 25	
	Boarding man four weeks and three days,	18 00	
	One bushel and a half of Corn,	3 20	
	Labor off the farm,	208 75	
	Sundries,	10 28	
	Four turkeys,	9 93	
	Oats,	16 25	
	Cow hide,	5 00	
			$978 32

Bills Paid.

For groceries,	$214 97	
John Lanktree, for blacksmithing,	9 60	
W. S. Comey, for meat,	73 32	
Pump,	22 00	
Four cows,	215 00	
G. W. Heywood, for meal,	87 00	
Grass seed,	12 60	
One coffin,	1 50	
One lantern,	1 00	
Plaster,	1 80	
Two bush scythes,	2 50	
One-half barrel of cement,	1 50	
Sophia Shaw, for one week's work,	2 00	
Fresh fish,	19 79	
Cloth for Mrs. Cowdry's children,	8 05	
Phineas Chamberlin, for fixing three axes,	3 00	
Amos Day, for digging grave,	1 00	
Nine pounds pork,	2 25	
Four hens,	2 00	
One-half bushel beans to plant,	1 50	
Two plow points,	1 65	
Shoes and mending,	10 85	
Repairing harness,	1 90	
O. Kidder, for mason work,	1 50	
A. Davis, for meat,	2 25	
Two pigs,	8 50	
Medicine,	5 75	
Dr. Dow, for medical attendance,	32 00	
Repairing two clocks,	1 50	
Grinding grain,	2 53	
Necessaries for Abijah Read,	15 00	
Necessaries for S. Richardson,	3 50	
Sundries, as by Ward Coburn's book	14 35	
Poudrette,	15 60	
Four turkeys,	10 00	
Repairing stove	3 00	
Dog license,	2 00	
N. P. Chase, for services as Master of Poor House, from April 1st, 1864, to April 1st, 1865,	366 00	
Loss on personal property,	30 56	
		$1,210 82
From which deduct proceeds sold from farm,		978 32

Leaves $232.50 as the cost of supporting the poor inside the Alms House.

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Dr. Dow, for medical attendance on Simon Nutting's family,	$ 15 25
Assistance rendered Mrs. Minor,	3 78
Charles L. Fletcher, for time and expense in going to Leyden, to see about W. Peckens,	15 00
Going to Lowell and Dracut twice, to see about Ebenezer Wright,	6 00
For time and expense spent in hiring a man to take charge of the Alms House,	5 00
Going to Tyngsboro', to see about S. Nutting's family,	1 00
Time and expense in going to Holyoke, about Mrs. Cowdry,	15 00
Time and expense in going to Townsend, Lunenburg, Lowell, Chelmsford and Tewksbury twice, about settlement of Timothy Fletcher,	25 00
For postage and stationery, for three years past,	2 50
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
Funeral expenses for J. Worcester,	14 00
Dr. Dow, for medical attendance on J. Worcester,	5 00
Town of Leyden, for relief of W. Peckens,	24 20
For the relief of S. Nutting's family,	5 17
City of Lowell, for the relief of Lucinda Cory,	4 50
Necessaries furnished L. Cory,	9 00
Funeral expenses for S. Hoyle's child,	11 00
Eli Tower, for time and expense in hiring a man to take charge of the Alms House,	3 00
Going to Littleton, about J. Kemp, Jr.,	75
Going to Lowell twelve times, to see about Mrs. Hoyle and Mrs. Cory,	8 00
Going to Dracut twice and to Billerica, about the settlement of T. Fletcher,	4 50
Services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
For the relief of John P. Allen,	9 75
For the relief of Charlotte Taylor,	18 00
For the relief of Mrs. J. Savage and family,	8 00
For the relief of Mrs Hoyle and children,	116 00
For assistance rendered Mrs. Farmer,	9 50
Town of Ipswich, for the relief of Eunice Fletcher,	10 00
Town of Littleton, for the relief of J. Kemp, Jr.,	9 25
E. Prescott, bill due in 1865,	24 04
Going to Groton, to pay the bill for G. Sargent's son,	1 00
Postage and stationery,	67
For making out two reports to the State,	5 00
For making out report to the Town,	5 00
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
Town of Groton, for relief of George Sargent's son,	2 33
Sundry bills,	7 38
Funeral expenses of Willliam Harmon,	15 50
Amount carried forward,	$449 07

Amount brought forward,		$449 07
Received of the Town of Tyngsboro',	$41 87	
Thomas Crosby, on Mrs. Cowdry,	31 00	
Town of Groton,	12 37	
		85 24
Leaves as the cost of supporting the Poor outside the Alms House,		$363 83

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM,

For the year ending February 3d, 1866.

Amount drawn from the Town Treasurer,	$700 00	
Cash in Overseers' hands, February 3d, 1866,	151 38	
Due from the State,	5 00	
Bills paid, due last year,	24 04	
		$180 42
Cost of supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm,		519 58

Number of persons supported in the Alms House, the past year—14; average number, $9\frac{1}{26}$; the number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, 31; the number assisted out of the Alms House, 30.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
CHAS. L. FLETCHER,
ELI TOWER,
} *Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.*

February 3d, 1866.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Expenses of the Town of Westford

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1867.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, COURIER OFFICE, 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1867.

OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

1866.

TOWN CLERK,

LEONARD LUCE.

SELECTMEN,

GEORGE T. DAY, WILLIAM REED, 1st,

J. HENRY REED.

ASSESSORS,

CHARLES L. FLETCHER, DANIEL ATWOOD,

JACOB SMITH.

OVERSEERS OF POOR,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ELI TOWER,

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

LEONARD LUCE, EDWIN R. HODGMAN,

GEORGE T. DAY.

COLLECTOR,

ASA HILDRETH.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM,—Zaccheus Reed, Daniel Flagg, Artemas W. Cummings.

CONSTABLES,—Isaac E. Day, Edward Prescott.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,—Allen Cameron, Charles L. Fletcher, Gilman J. Wright.

LIBRARIAN,—Eliza J. Herrick.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS—(IN DISTRICTS.)

No. 1. Francis K. Proctor.
2. Horace Hamblet.
3. William Kittredge.
4. Oliver Woodward.
5. John Dane.
6. John Lynch.
No. 7. Alfred Blood.
8. Silas Lawrence.
9. John W. Day.
10. Orin Coolidge, Jr.
11. Edward Symmes.
12. Thomas Drew.
No. 13. George Hutchins,
14. James M. Parker.
15. Jefferson Wright.
16. Daniel Atwood.
17. Stephen E. Hutchins
18. Alden P. Osgood.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,—George R. Moore, Joseph Hildreth, Oliver Woodward, Lorenzo Sweetser, Luther Prescott, S. A. Hamlin, H. A. Hutchinson, Daniel Falls, Amos Hildreth, 2nd, Arthur Wright, Cyrus Hamlin, Jacob Blodgett, Horace Hamblet, George Drew.

FENCE VIEWERS,—Joseph Hildreth, Eli Tower, Jacob Smith.

LIQUOR AGENT,—Darius A. Dow, M. D.

FIELD DRIVERS,—George B. Hildreth, Allen R. Perham, Edward Symmes, Hiram H. Decatur, Joseph Gould, Timothy Fletcher, John Tower, James W. Wright.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,—Gilman J. Wright.

WEIGHERS OF HAY,—John B. Fletcher, Charles H. Follansbee, Samuel A. Hamlin, A. W. Cummings.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

WESTFORD, February 11th, 1867.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$ 887 90
Cash borrowed,	3,327 83
Corporation Tax, 1865, in full,	978 43
Corporation Tax, 1866, in part,	633 06
Aid to soldiers' families, 1864, refunded in full,	57 50
Aid to soldiers' families, 1865, refunded in part,	2,150 00
State School Fund,	117 75
Sydney A. Parker, license,	6 00
Sale of Wood on Poor Farm, and interest of Ira Leland,	26 32
Received of C. M. Spaulding by D. A. Dow, medical attendance in a case of small pox,	34 50
William Agnew, Collector, 1865, in full,	448 72
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1866, before October 6,	11,068 81
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1866, before December 6,	1,696 67
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1866, after December 6,	2,532 00
	$23,965 49

PAYMENTS.

Elias Sweetser, two notes and interest,	$1,438 25
Amos Day, two notes and interest,	419 16
Joseph Hildreth, two notes and interest,	571 90
Lucy M. Day, one note and interest,	316 60
Appleton Bank, one note and interest,	1,000 00
Asa Hildreth, one note and interest,	206 00
Calvin Howard, one note and interest,	307 40
Rachel Blood, one note and interest,	1,035 67
A. W. Cummings, one note and interest,	204 33
G. T. Day, Treasurer, one note and interest,	154 62
Amount carried forward,	$5,653 93

Amount brought forwurd,	$5,653 93
A. J. Reed, one note and interest,	104 52
Phebe W. Carter, one note and interest,	312 70
Oliver Wright, one note and interest,	633 70
Jesse Wright, one note and interest,	528 08
Ward Coburn, one note and interest,	155 12
J. W. P. Abbot, guardian, one note and interest,	1,506 25
J. W. P. Abbot, one note and interest,	412 00
Gilbert Parker, one note and interest	263 08
	$9,569 38
Interest paid on notes,	901 50
State Tax, 1866,	3,120 00
County Tax, 1866,	826 92
Overseers of the Poor, on orders,	337 58
On other orders,	4,972 72
School Districts,	1,521 17
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	2,716 22
	$23,965 49

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons on notes including interest; also other claims, to wit:

Jesse Wright, two notes and interest,	$ 724 68
Mrs. Betsey P. Day, two notes and interest	723 38
Eli Tower, two notes and interest,	1,035 00
Calvin Howard, two notes and interest.	558 28
Trustees of Westford Academy, two notes and interest,	830 60
Levi Snow, 2 notes and interest,	610 56
Mrs. Betsey K. Groce, two notes and interest,	945 88
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed, two notes and interest,	737 06
Amos Day, two notes and interest,	808 94
Ira Leland, one note and interest,	236 58
Gilbert Parker, one note and interest,	205 33
Mrs. Sarah Parker, one note and interest,	263 66
Elbridge G. Parker, one note and interest,	520 75
A. J. Reed, one note and interest,	311 90
Alson Tuttle, one note and interest,	620 90
Mrs. Parmelia Hildreth, one note and interest.	150 22
Timothy Fletcher, one note and interest,	105 80
Rachel Blood, one note and interest,	262 66
Mrs. Sarah Osgood, one note and interest,	104 98
Charles L. Fletcher, one note and interest,	524 83
Mrs. Phebe W. Carter, one note and interest,	183 31
Joseph E. Wright, one note and interest,	103 00
Moses Caryl, one note and interest,	208 90
Daniel Flagg, one note and interest,	312 35
Joseph Hildreth, one note and interest,	500 83
Amount carried forward	$11,590 38

Amount brought forward,		$11,590 38
Due the several School Districts,		1,432 09
Outstanding orders,		70 40
Outstanding claims for roads and other expenses, estimated at		600 00
		$13,692 87

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$2,716 22	
Balance of taxes uncollected, 1866,	395 57	
State aid, balance for 1865,	51 18	
State aid, for 1866,	1,244 00	
State aid, paid in January, 1867,	96 00	
Corporation tax, balance due, 1866,	30 14	
		4,533 11
		$9,159 76
Balance against the town, February 10, 1866,	$15,174 94	
Balance against the town, February 11, 1867.	9,159 76	
Reduction of town debt,	$6,015 18	

J. W. P. ABBOT,
ALVAN FISHER,
GEORGE B. DUPEE, } *Committee.*

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER. *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Leonard Luce, recording births, deaths and marriages, and express, &c.,	$ 28 20
Leonard Luce, keeping military record of soldiers of this town, as required by law,	20 00
Jeremiah G. Merrill, injuries received on "Makepeace Road,"	75 00
Stone & Huse, printing,	88 83
Leonard Luce, services as School Committee,	38 00
Leonard Luce, making out school report,	5 00
Books furnished poor children,	5 70
George M. Rice, services as School Committee,	33 40
George T. Day, services as School Committee,	30 00
Union Society, use of bell,	7 50
First Parish, use of bell,	7 50
Dr. D. A. Dow, vaccination,	7 00
Wm. Kittredge, returning deaths to Town Clerk,	2 30
Two record books,	5 00
Amos Day, work at west burying-ground,	6 00
Levi Snow, work at east burying-ground,	10 00
Asia Nutting, work at north burying-ground,	5 00
First Parish, wood and rent of hall,	35 00
C. Brackett, inkstands, mucilage, pens, &c.,	2 80
J. B. Fletcher, stationery, &c.,	3 31
Z. Reed, appraising property at Poor Farm 1863–4–5–6–7,	10 00
Daniel Flagg, appraising property at Poor Farm 1865–6–7,	6 00
Samuel A. Brown, Esq., counsel for town 1866–7,	25 00
N. S. Hamblin, use of room for Selectmen and Assessors,	25 00
I. E. Day, services as constable,	6 00
Leonard Luce, salary as Town Clerk,	12 00
Asa Hildreth, collecting $11,648.63,	75 71
Error in apportionment of tax in School District No. 5,	12 00
Wm. Agnew, collecting taxes 1865,	129 00
George Keyes, for use of house as pest-house, and wood,	25 00
For cleaning pest-house, and other expenses attending same,	7 00
Willard Damon, services as nurse at pest-house,	40 00
James McCauly, services as nurse at pest-house,	40 00
Coffin for Earnest G. Gould,	10 50
Incidental expenses attending small pox case,	16 00
Sarah M. McIntire, bedding for pest-house,	40 65
Lucretia J. Reed, articles and food furnished pest-house,	22 74
Amount carried forward	$918 14

Amount brought forward,		$918 14
LIBRARY.		
Eliza J. Herrick, Librarian, one year,	$40 00	
Taggard & Thompson, books,	26 81	
		66 81
ASSESSORS.		
Charles L. Fletcher, 26 days,	$65 00	
Jacob Smith, 25 days,	62 50	
Daniel Atwood, 25 days,	62 50	
		190 00
		$1,174 95

EXPENSE OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Imla Lawrence, work on highways, 1865,	$ 5 31
Thomas Drew, repairing "Bunce Road,"	16 00
John Lynch, work on highways, 1866,	9 75
Oliver Woodward, work on highways, 1866,	15 80
Daniel Atwood, work on highways, 1864–5,	3 59
George Laws, work on highways, 1866,	4 68
Eli Tower, work on highways, 1866,	14 09
Allen R. Perham, work on highways, 1866,	8 59
Jeremy B. Reed, work on highways, 1866,	16 44
Alfred Blood, working highway taxes, 1866,	34 00
Edward Prescott, working highway taxes, 1865,	2 00
Alden P. Osgood, breaking roads, 1867,	83 40
Stephen E. Hutchins, breaking roads, 1867,	87 20
Alfred Blood, breaking roads, 1867,	89 80
John Lynch, breaking roads, 1867,	76 40
Wm. Kittredge, breaking roads, 1867,	68 00
Horace Hamblet, breaking roads, 1867,	60 80
George Hutchins, breaking roads, 1867,	58 40
John Dane, breaking roads, 1867,	48 06
Thomas Drew, breaking roads, 1867,	33 00
John W. Day, breaking roads, 1867,	20 80
Thomas Horan, breaking roads, 1867,	6 00
Wm. Craven, damage in laying out town road,	150 00
Patrick Driscoll, removing gravel at Graniteville,	10 00
B. O. McIntire, removing gravel at Graniteville,	33 50
John Greenleaf, removing gravel bank at Graniteville,	200 00
Wm. Reed, furnishing stone and laying wall at Graniteville,	351 95
C. H. Follansbee, setting fence on line of road at Graniteville,	3 90
David Reed, extra work on wall at Graniteville,	30 00
George Hanson, laying wall at Graniteville,	23 75
N. S. Hamblin, building 124⅓ rods of road,	373 00
A. Nutting, relaying bridge and repairing road near E. Tower's,	70 00
John Day, relaying and straightening wall near his house,	16 00
	$2029 21

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Order,	$150 00
Order,	150 00
Order,	37 58
	$337 58

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Joshua Whidden,	$ 4 74
James Furlong,	2 36
J. W. P. Abbot, error,	65 77
Isaac W. Green,	3 16
Asa Hildreth, 1864,	7 29
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1866,	30 42
Wm. Agnew, error in taxes 1865,	86 88
	$200 62

BOUNTIES.

Lucy A. Keyes,	$125 00
Merrick Reed,	125 00
	$250 00

STATE AID.

For year ending February 9th, 1867,	$1340 00

LIQUOR AGENCY STATEMENT TO MAY 1, 1866.

Dr.—		
Cash on hand May 1st, 1865,	$ 67 26	
Cash received for liquors sold,	161 76	
		$229 02
Cr.—		
Cash paid Town Treasurer,	$ 50 00	
Liquors purchased and expense,	128 45	
Agent's salary,	30 00	
		$208 45
Balance cash in Agent's hands,		$20 57

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Voted by the Town,	$ 1600 00
Received from the Commonwealth,	117 75
	$1717 75

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. 1,	Scholars, 79	$209 52
No. 2,	" 60	179 79
No. 3,	" 62	182 92
No, 4,	" 61	181 35
No. 5.	" 53	168 83
No. 6,	" 29	131 27
No. 7,	" 49	162 57
No. 8,	" 29	131 27
No. 9,	" 22	120 32
No. 10,	" 105	250 21
		$1718 05

SUMMARY.

Roads and Bridges,	$ 2,029 21
Incidental Expenses,	1,169 95
Abatement of Taxes,	200 62
State Aid,	1,340 00
Bounties,	250 00
Overseers of Poor,	337 58
Public Schools,	1,718 05
	$7,045 41

GEO. T. DAY,
WILLIAM REED,
J. HENRY REED, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

WESTFORD, February 16th, 1867.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the poor for the year ending February 9, 1867:

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee:

February 3d, 1866,	$2,267 29
February 1st, 1867,	2,442 98
Gain on personal property,	$175 69

Income from the Farm, as by Ward Coburn's books.

Received for Butter,	$265 44	
Milk,	26 43	
Calves,	55 15	
Pigs,	76 00	
Potatoes,	20 67	
Keeping horse,	50 00	
Pork,	42 75	
Beans,	31 00	
Apples,	4 00	
Labor off the farm,	72 00	
Cabbages,	3 00	
Skewers,	6 00	
Of Mrs. Cowdry,	47 00	
Sundries as by W. Coburn's books,	10 39	
		$709 83

Bills Paid.

For Labor,	$ 97 63
Groceries,	33 17
Meal,	48 84
Fish,	16 64
Ox-sled,	8 00
Groceries bought of John B. Fletcher,	80 84
Amount carried forward,	$285 12

Amount brought forward,	$285 12	
Groceries bought of S. D. Fletcher,	149 54	
Groceries bought of Peter Swallow,	15 24	
One hundred and seventy-three lbs. of scraps,	4 32	
Grass seed,	20 40	
Rye,	15 75	
Meat bought of A. Davis,	3 37	
Medical attendance,	12 25	
One pair of shoes for B. Hildreth,	1 30	
Clothes for William Meats,	5 00	
Barley,	4 40	
Making cider,	2 00	
Hens,	4 50	
Blacksmithing,	12 83	
Poudrette,	12 50	
Plow points,	2 07	
Meat bought of W. S. Comey,	52 56	
Necessaries for Abijah Read,	2 50	
Clothes for S. Richardson,	6 65	
Sundries as by W. Coburn's books,	37 39	
Ward Coburn, for services as Master of the Poor House, from April 1, 1865 to April 1, 1866,	350 00	
		$999 69
From which deduct proceeds sold from farm,	709 83	
And gain on personal property,	176 69	
		885 52

Leaves $113.17 as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Alms House.

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Paid S. A. Brown, for legal advice,	$ 8 50
Charles L. Fletcher, for going to Lowell to settle with S. A. Brown,	1 50
Leonard Luce, for attending funeral of William Harmon,	1 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Boston to see about Nancy Townsend,	4 65
Town of Ipswich, for relief of Eunice Fletcher,	14 60
Amos Day, for digging grave for William Harmon,	2 00
For assistance rendered Mrs. Hoyle,	44 50
For assistance rendered Mrs. Abel Corey,	27 00
For assistance rendered Mrs. S. Farmer,	9 30
E. Tower, for services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
For going to Lowell twelve times to see about Mrs. Hoyle and Mrs Corey,	8 00
For going to Bedford to see about Frederick Bishop,	3 00
Amount carried forward,	$134 05

Amount brought forward,	$134 05
E. Prescott, for making out two reports to the State,	5 00
For making out report to the town	5 00
For services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
Gilman J. Wright, for services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
Tax on dog,	2 00
Sundry bills,	28 85
	$194 90

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM,

For the year ending February 9, 1867.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer,	$337 58	
Cash on hand at last settlement,	121 92	
		$459 50
Gain on personal property,	$175 69	
Cost of supporting the poor exclusive of interest on farm,		283 81

Number of persons supported in the Alms House the past year, 8; average number, 6½. The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, 69. The number assisted out of the Alms House, 9.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ELI TOWER,
GILMAN J. WRIGHT,
} *Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.*

ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE

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LOWELL, MASS.:
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1868.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1867.

Town Clerk,

LEONARD LUCE.

Selectmen,

GEORGE T. DAY, WILLIAM REED, 1st,

J. HENRY REED.

Assessors,

CHARLES L. FLETCHER, DANIEL ATWOOD,

JACOB SMITH.

Overseers of Poor,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ELI TOWER,

GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

Town Treasurer,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

School Committee,

Rev. LEONARD LUCE,
Rev. GEORGE H. YOUNG,
J. M. CHAMBERLIN,
MOSES EDWARDS,
T. L. GRIFFIN,
JEPTHA WRIGHT,
SAMUEL FLETCHER,
GEORGE H. PRESCOTT,
H. A. HUTCHINSON,
ASA HILDRETH,
STEPHEN E. HUTCHINS,
GEORGE S. FREDERICK.

Collector,

ASA HILDRETH.

Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm,—Zaccheus Reed, Daniel Flagg, Artemas W. Cummings.

Constables,—Isaac E. Day, Edward Prescott.

Library Committee,—Allen Cameron, Charles L. Fletcher, Gilman J. Wright.

Librarian,—Eliza J. Herrick.

Highway Surveyors—(in districts).

No. 1—Edmund Barton,
2—Hiram H. Decatur,
3—George B. Dupee,
4—Oliver Woodward,
5—John Dane,
6—Asia Nutting,
7—Edwin Gould,
8—Edward Prescott,
9—A. W. Cummings,
No. 10—Orin Coolidge,
11—John B. Fletcher,
12—George Laws,
13—William M. Vose,
14—F. A. Fletcher,
15—Amos Leighton,
16—Alpheus J. Reed,
17—N. S. Hamblin,
18—Levi Snow.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber.

George R. Moore,
Oliver Woodward,
Luther Prescott,
H. A. Hutchinson,
Amos Hildreth, 2nd,
Cyrus Hamlin,
T. H. Hamblett,
Asa Hildreth,
Lorenzo Sweetzer,
S. A. Hamlin,
Daniel Falls,
Isaac P. Woods,
Jacob Blodgett,
George Drew,

Fence Viewers,—Joseph Hildreth, Eli Tower, Jacob Smith,

Liquor Agent,—Darius A. Dow, M. D.

Field Drivers,—George B. Hildreth, A. R. Perham, E. Symmes, H. H. Decatur, Joseph Gould, T. Fletcher, John Tower, Samuel Wiley, George T. Day.

Sealer of Weights and Measures,—Gilman J. Wright.

Weighers of Hay,—John B. Fletcher, Nahum H. Wright, Samuel A. Hamlin, A. W. Cummings.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WESTFORD, February 10th, 1868.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$ 2,716 22
Cash borrowed,	3,378 30
Corporation Tax before 1867, collected in full,	52 86
Corporation Tax, 1867,	923 51
Aid to soldiers' families, 1866, refunded by State in part,	1,100 00
Interest allowed by County Treasurer advance payment of Tax,	12 34
Interest allowed by State Treasurer advance payment of Tax,	39 00
Received from State, on account of Pauper,	5 00
Eli Tower, refunded error in School District account,	1 00
State School Fund, 1866–67,	170 86
Asa Hildreth, Collector, in 1866, in full,	395 57
Asa Hildreth, Collector, interest on Taxes, 1866,	8 75
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1867, before October 6, 1867,	11,320 18
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1867, before December 6, 1867,	2,137 48
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1867, after December 6, 1867,	3,057 87
	$25,318 94

PAYMENTS.

Amos Day, three notes and interest,	$ 898 94	
Levi Snow, two notes and interest,	626 16	
Calvin Howard, two notes and interest,	576 78	
Daniel Flagg, two notes and interest,	360 73	
Mrs. B. K. Groce, two notes and interest,	725 90	
Eli Tower, one note and interest,	210 00	
Charles L. Fletcher, one note and interest,	505 50	
Elbridge G. Parker, one note and interest,	502 00	
Mrs. Permelia Hildreth, one note and interest,	155 22	
Railroad Bank, one note and interest,	1,200 00	
Trustees Westford Academy, one note and interest,	614 10	
Amount carried forward,		$6,375 33

Amount brought forward,	$6,375 33	
Miss Rachel Blood, one note and interest,	259 66	
Joseph E. Wright, one note and interest,	101 88	
Alpheus J. Reed, one note and interest,	102 25	
Jesse Wright, one note and interest,	206 40	
Ira Leland, one note and interest,	234 93	
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed, one note and interest,	522 75	
Gilbert Parker, one note and interest,	204 03	
Alson Tuttle, one note and interest,	617 70	
Mrs. Betsey P. Day, one note and interest,	437 53	
Ward Coburn, one note and interest,	445 25	
	$9,507 71	
Interest on notes,	601 50	
State Tax, 1867,	5,200 00	
County Tax,	926 15	
Overseers of the Poor,	734 19	
Orders outstanding at last settlement,	70 40	
Orders drawn in 1867 and 1868,	5,007 39	
Schools,	1,948 45	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1,323 15	
		$25,318 94

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons on notes; also other claims, to wit:

Eli Tower, one note,	$800 00
Jesse Wright, one note,	500 00
Mrs. Sarah Parker, one note,	250 00
Mrs. Betsey K. Groce, one note,	500 00
Trustees of Westford Academy, one note,	200 00
Alpheus J. Reed, one note,	300 00
Mrs. Betsey P. Day, one note,	275 00
Timothy Fletcher, one note,	100 00
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed, one note,	200 00
Mrs. Sarah Osgood, one note,	100 00
Mrs. Phebe W. Carter, one note,	175 00
Moses Caryl, one note,	200 00
Daniel Flagg, one note,	300 00
Joseph Hildreth, one note,	500 00
Calvin Howard, one note,	400 00
Charles L. Fletcher, one note,	100 00
Mrs. Permelia Hildreth, one note,	100 00
Amos Day, one note,	325 00
Amount carried forward,	$5,325 00

Amount brought forward,		$5,325 00
Interest accrued on the above notes,		189 42
Due the several School Districts,		1,080 14
Outstanding Orders,		20 50
		$6,615 06

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$1,323 15	
Balance of Taxes uncollected, 1867,	1,260 00	
State Aid, balance due for 1865,	51 18	
State Aid, balance due for 1866,	144 00	
State Aid, balance due for 1867,	880 00	
Dr. D. A. Dow, balance due as liquor Agent,	26 03	
		3,684 36
Balance against the Town,		$2,930 70
Balance against the Town, February 7, 1867,	$9,159 76	
Balance against the Town, February 10, 1868,	2,930 70	
Reduction of Town debt,	$6,229 06	

J. W. P. ABBOT,
SAMUEL N. BURBECK,
ALDEN P. OSGOOD, } *Committee.*

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

TOWN OFFICERS.

George T. Day,	for services as Selectman, for the year ending March 1, 1867,	$ 5 00
	for making out Town Report for the year ending March 1, 1867,	5 00
	for making out State Aid Returns for the year ending March 1, 1867,	5 00
	for extra time spent as Selectman, for the year ending March 1, 1867,	28 00
	Paid for express, &c.,	2 75
William Reed,	for services as Selectman, for the year ending March 1, 1867,	5 00
	extra time spent as Selectman, during the year ending March 1, 1867,	23 00
J. Henry Reed,	for services as Selectman, for the year ending March 1, 1867,	5 00
	for extra time spent as Selectman, for the year ending March 1, 1867,	7 50
Leonard Luce,	salary as Town Clerk, for the year ending March 1, 1867,	12 00
	for obtaining, recording, indexing and returning to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, births, deaths and marriages,	19 25
	for recording returns from undertakers and others of twenty-seven deaths.	2 70
	recording thirty-four births, occurring previous to 1866, not recorded,	10 20
	attending meeting of Town Clerks, at Tyngsboro', November, 1866,	3 00
	express, stationery, stamps, &c.,	5 00
S. D. Fletcher,	Town Treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1867, commission for disbursing $10,000 at ½ of 1 per cent.,	50 00
	commission for disbursing $11,249 at ¼ of 1 per cent.,	28 12
Amount carried forward,		$216 52

Amount brought forward,		$216 52
S. D. Fletcher, entertainment furnished Committee to reckon with Treasurer,		4 00
postage, paper, &c.,		1 97
paper, ink, pens, pencils, &c., furnished Assessors,		1 76
blank books and envelops furnished Selectmen,		1 84
C. L. Fletcher, Assessor, 16 days,	$48 00	
Daniel Atwood, Assessor, 27 days,	81 00	
express paid,	50	
Jacob Smith, Assessor, 27½ days,	82 50	
postage, stamps, &c.,	39	
		212 39
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.		
Rev. Leonard Luce, services as School Committee,	$35 25	
making out Report,	5 00	
furnishing room, lights, &c.,	3 00	
Rev. Edwin R. Hodgman, services as School Committee,	29 70	
George T. Day, services as School Committee,	15 00	
		87 95
COLLECTOR.		
Asa Hildreth, collecting $17,170 41 at 8 mills per dollar,	$137 36	
collecting poll taxes, as ordered by Assessors, (for 1867),	5 00	
collecting $4,280 51, tax of 1866, at 6½ mills per dollar,	27 82	
collecting poll taxes, as directed by Assessors, for 1866,	5 00	
		175 18
W. F. Chandler & Co., for printing,		13 25
Stone & Huse, printing,		60 90
J. H. Haskell, for one stencil plate,		6 50
Stony Brook Railroad, freight on lumber,		1 12
Edwin Gould, one screw driver used at small pox house,		40
First Parish, for use of bell,		7 50
Union Society, for use of bell,		7 50
H. & A. Whitney, for lumber for repairs on Alms House, and fence at East Burying Ground,		110 00
Expense of Kilburn law suits, exclusive of counsel fees,		265 36
T. R. Marvin & Son, for printing School Report,		37 50
Luther Wilkins, attending fifteen funerals with hearse,		19 50
State Nautical School, board for Frank Shearon, 22 weeks 4 days,		11 28
Administrator of Samuel Brown's estate,		3 00
Dr. Robert Wood, post mortem examination of a cow supposed to have died of infectious disease,		7 00
Cyrus Latham, surveying and drawing plan of Makepeace Road,		10 00
Amount carried forward.		$1,262 42

Amount brought forward,	$1,262 42
Cyrus Latham, surveying road at Graniteville,	7 35
Chase & Hildreth, printing tax bills,	3 25
S. D. Fletcher, sundries furnished Assessors and surveyors of roads,	11 31
Asia Nutting, work done on North Burying Ground,	7 50
Levi Snow, work done on East Burying Ground,	4 60
Amos Day, work done on West Burying Ground,	3 50
Wm. Draper, for building, ironing and painting Hearse,	555 00
A. C. Sawyer, for trimming Hearse,	84 54
First Parish, for use of hall,	35 00
N. S. Hamblin, use of room for Selectmen and Assessors,	25 00
J. B. Fletcher, postage, paper, &c.,	8 04
H. A. Davis, State Sealer of Weights and Measures,	8 50
Asia Nutting, stone work at East Burying Ground,	101 50
Geo. B. Dupee, building and painting fence and gates at East Burying Ground,	34 74
John Lanktree, iron furnished for fence at East Burying Ground,	2 73
Wm. Pratt & Co., railing,	10 00
S. D. Fletcher, nails, oil, hinges, &c., for fence at East Burying Ground,	12 09
J. B. Fielding, 50 lbs. lead, for fence at East Burying Ground,	7 50
	$2,185 04

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Ward Coburn, services as Master of Alms House, for the year ending April 1, 1867,	$425 00
Order,	309 19
	$734 19

LIBRARY.

Eliza J. Herrick, Librarian, one year,	$40 00
For books purchased,	73 19
Julian Abbot, making supplement to Catalogue,	16 00
Rebinding books,	9 50
Printing Catalogues,	14 50
	$153 19

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The sum appropriated by the Town, to be expended during the months of April and May, was $1020. But owing to the frequent and rapid rains during the summer months, it has been necessary to expend in several Districts a larger sum than was at first apportioned; and we

believe from careful observation that the roads have been kept in better repair than for many years, and we trust the Town will continue the system. But we would recommend an appropriation of $1400, $1150 to be expended during the spring and summer months, reserving the balance for winter, as we find upon consultation with the Surveyors that although a majority of the Districts, in their opinion, can be kept in good repair with the same expenditure as the past year, others need more.

EXPENSE OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Edwin Barton, Surveyor in District No. 1,	$ 60 00
Hiram H. Decatur, Surveyor in District No. 2,	50 00
Hiram H. Decatur, Surveyor in District No. 2,	41 00
George B. Dupee, Surveyor in District No. 3,	60 78
George B. Dupee, Surveyor in District No. 3,	41 65
George B. Dupee, Surveyor in District No. 3,	12 80
Oliver Woodward, Surveyor in District No. 4,	60 00
John Dane, Surveyor in District No. 5,	50 00
Asia Nutting, Surveyor in District No. 6,	54 00
Edwin Gould, Surveyor in District No. 7,	57 60
Edward Prescott, Surveyor in District No. 8,	41 00
A. W. Cummings, Surveyor in District No. 9,	70 00
Orin Coolidge, Surveyor in District No. 10,	47 50
John B. Fletcher, Surveyor in District No. 11,	61 12
George Laws, Surveyor in District No. 12,	50 80
Wm. M. Vose, Surveyor in District No. 13,	50 00
Wm. M. Vose, Surveyor in District No. 13,	11 60
F. A. Fletcher, Surveyor in District No. 14,	60 00
Amos Leighton, Surveyor in District No. 15,	49 00
Alpheus J. Reed, Surveyor in District No. 16,	52 80
N. S. Hamblin, Surveyor in District No. 17,	50 30
N. S. Hamblin, Surveyor in District No. 17,	11 00
Levi Snow, Surveyor in District No. 18,	60 00
Levi Snow, Surveyor in District No. 18,	28 10
Jefferson Wright, breaking roads in 1867,	15 15
J. M. Parker, breaking roads in 1867,	21 20
John Dane, breaking roads in 1867,	6 80
John Lynch, breaking roads in 1867,	13 60
Levi Snow, breaking roads in 1867,	22 10
Alden P. Osgood, breaking roads in 1867,	7 30
Wm. Kittredge, breaking roads in 1867,	31 20
Daniel Atwood, breaking roads in 1867,	116 53
T. H. Hamblet, breaking roads in 1867,	40 80
Stephen Hutchins, breaking roads in 1867,	36 23
Alfred Blood, breaking roads in 1867,	8 00
Elbridge G. Parker, breaking roads in 1867,	9 54
Oliver Woodward, breaking roads in 1867,	130 10
Silas Lawrence, breaking roads in 1867,	44 80
Amount carried forward,	$1,634 40

Amount brought forward,	$1,634 40
George Hutchins, breaking roads in 1867,	14 00
Edmond Symmes, breaking roads in 1867,	18 20
Peter Anderson, breaking roads in 1867,	1 20
Oren Coolidge, breaking roads in 1867,	9 99
John Morrison, repairing road near his house,	10 00
F. K. Proctor, work done on highway in 1866,	3 10
Wm. Agnew, work done on highway in 1865–6,	8 64
Amos Hildreth, building stone railing on Bunce Road,	5 00
Wm. Reed, repairing bridge near house of Geo. Blodgett,	10 00
Wm. Reed, repairing road near house of David Reed,	5 00
Trueworthy Keyes, for carrying his milk during the time the road was impassible, as by agreement with Surveyor,	12 20
	$1,731 73

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Mrs. Otis Parker, error in 1866,	$ 4 74
Charles Hewitt, error in 1866,	4 11
Wm. Chandler, error in 1867,	28 90
Wm. E. Symmes, poll tax in 1867,	2 00
Frank F. Pierce, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
David Carmichael, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Wm. Dinsmore, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Wm. Thompson, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Dennis Berkley, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
George Lawrence, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
John Illingsworth, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Chester Illingsworth, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
M. O'Neil, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Jonathan A. Perham, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Wm. Dunn, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Alvarado Hatch, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
John Ferrin, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Mrs. Sarah Martin, error in 1866,	4 14
Joseph Irish, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
L. Howard, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
Edward Defoe, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
Wm. H. Folland, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
Joseph Edgley, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
James Brooks, poll tax for 1866,	2 00
Charles Balch, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
Benj. L. White, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
George D. Stiles, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
Victor Bonville, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
A. Dickinson, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
Amount carried forward,	$91 89

Amount brought forward,	$91 89
James Litchfield, poll tax for 1867,	2 00
Mrs. Nancy Gilson, error, 1867,	6 34
Miles Langstone, error, 1867,	2 45
M. M. Chandler, error, 1867,	1 70
Elbridge Yeaton, error, 1866–7,	4 45
John Farrar, error, 1867,	6 80
Cyrus Coburn, 1864,	2 38
Lafayette Whittier, 1867,	2 40
Albert Woods, 1867, Concord,	10 20
Estate of Jos. Byam, 1867, Chelmsford,	69
Allen Worden, 1867,	2 45
Wm. M. Stiles, 1867,	45
Sidney A. Parker, 1867,	36 55
	$170 75

STATE AID.

State Aid,	$880 00

LIQUOR AGENCY STATEMENT TO MAY 1, 1867.

Dr.—		
Cash on hand May 1, 1866,	$ 20 57	
Cash received for liquors sold,	219 72	
		$240 29
Cr.—		
Liquors purchased and expense,	$184 26	
Agent's salary,	30 00	
		$214 26
Balance cash in Agent's hands,		$26 03

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Voted by the Town the sum of $1600, which was divided, one-half equally among the Districts and one-half according to the number of scholars, as by vote of the Town, which if divided equally would only give to each scholar the sum of $3.00, the number of scholars being 533, according to the returns of the Assessors. Would it not be well to increase the amount?

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. 1,	89 scholars,	$213 50
No. 2,	54 "	161 00
No. 3,	56 "	164 00
No. 4,	55 "	162 50
No. 5,	47 "	150 50
No. 6,	20 "	110 00
No. 7,	61 "	171 50
No. 8,	30 "	125 00
No. 9,	28 "	122 00
No. 10,	93 "	219 50
		$1,599 50

SUMMARY.

Roads and Bridges,	$1,731 73
Incidental Expenses,	2,185 84
Abatement of Taxes,	170 75
State Aid,	880 00
Overseers of Poor,	734 19
Public Schools,	1,599 50
	$7,301 21

VALUATION AND TAXES.

Valuation of Real Estate,	$693,596 00
Valuation of Personal Estate,	330,310 00
	$1,023,906 00
Number of polls assessed,	412
Tax on polls,	$2.00
Rate of Taxation,	$1 70 on $100 00

AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION.

Schools,	$1,600 00
State Tax,	5,200 00
County Tax,	926 15
Town Tax,	10,000 00
Overlayings,	888 12
Highway Deficiencies,	199 95
	$18,814 22

GEORGE T. DAY,
WILLIAM REED,
J. HENRY REED, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

WESTFORD, February 15th, 1868.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THE Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the poor for the year ending February 7, 1868 :

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee :	
February 6, 1867,	$2,442 98
February 7, 1868,	2,536 89
Gain on personal property,	$ 93 91

INCOME FROM THE FARM, AS BY WARD COBURN'S BOOKS.

Received for Labor off the Farm,	$ 41 50	
One pig,	6 00	
Two cow-hides,	10 34	
Straw,	27 74	
Hay,	12 00	
Butter,	239 83	
Beef,	11 00	
Apples,	53 00	
Cider,	21 50	
Cask of lime,	2 00	
Chickens,	19 86	
Eggs,	10 95	
Potatoes,	3 37	
Calves,	66 95	
From Mrs. Cowdry,	71 00	
One yoke of oxen,	280 37	
Milk,	1 55	
One hog,	61 75	
Sundries as by Ward Coburn's book,	11 97	
		$952 44

BILLS PAID.

For Stockings,	$ 4 70	
Fish,	19 34	
Sheeting,	15 35	
Meal,	74 62	
Mending boots and shoes,	6 85	
Amount carried forward,	$120 86	

Amount brought forward,	$120 86
Blacksmithing,	6 14
Oats for seed,	4 70
Oil meal,	1 60
Churn,	4 25
Boiler-door,	1 50
Comforter,	2 00
Cleaning house,	6 00
Medicine,	6 75
Dr. Howard, for medical attendance on Proctor Kidder,	5 00
Crockery,	1 75
Corn,	23 50
Rye,	3 00
Sewing for family,	1 50
One yoke of oxen,	275 00
Plough-castings,	2 25
Poudrette,	12 00
Digging grave,	2 50
Rev. L. Luce for attending funeral of P. Kidder,	1 00
Coffin for P. Kidder,	6 50
Five pigs,	25 00
Boys clothes,	17 90
Grinding grain,	8 79
Groceries,	381 99
Meat,	37 24
Dr. D. A. Dow, for medical attendance,	35 50
Labor on farm,	34 50
Calico,	4 72
Under-shirts,	2 00
Cloth for pants,	5 29
Making cider,	13 18
Two pairs of boots,	9 00
Chain pump,	4 96
Threshing oats,	12 00
Dinner-pot,	3 00
One pound of yarn,	1 50
Setting glass,	3 75
Nails,	2 51
Shingles,	8 44
Boards,	2 50
Lime,	3 80
Hair,	1 20
Glass,	7 50
Putty,	1 52
E. A. Stevens, for work,	18 05
Amount carried forward,	$1,133 64

Amount brought forward,	$1,133 64	
Mason work,	6 50	
Sundries,	9 00	
Ward Coburn, for services as Master of Alms House, from April 1, 1866 to April 1, 1867,	425 00	
		$1,574 14
Which deduct from proceeds sold from farm,	952 44	
And gain on personal property,	93 91	
		1,046 35
Leaves $527.79 as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Alms House,		$527 79

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMS-HOUSE.

Paid E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Littleton after James Kemp,	$ 3 00	
For coffin for James Kemp,	8 75	
For making out reports to the Board of State Charities,	5 00	
For making out report to town,	5 00	
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00	
For postage and stationery,	1 16	
For the relief of Eunice Fletcher,	15 64	
G. J. Wright for time and expense in carrying Margaret Dunnell to State Alms House,	3 85	
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00	
Town of Randolph for the relief of James Kemp, Jr.,	20 50	
For the relief of Mrs. Hoyle,	43 53	
For the relief of Mrs. Corey,	23 25	
For the relief of Nathaniel Whitney,	4 56	
E. Tower for going to Chelmsford twice to see about a pauper,	1 75	
For going to Lowell ten times to see about Mrs. Hoyle and Mrs. Corey,	8 00	
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00	
For wood for William Nichols,	6 00	
		$164 99

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM,

For the Year ending February 7th, 1868.

Amount drawn from the Town Treasurer,	$734 19	
Received from the estate of John P. Allen,	52 50	
		$786 69
Gain on personal property,		93 91
Cost of supporting the Poor exclusive of interest on the Farm,		$692 78

Number of persons supported in the Alms House the past year, 13; average number, $10\frac{3}{26}$. The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, 71. The number assisted out of the Alms-House, 9.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ELI TOWER,
GILMAN J. WRIGHT,
Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.

February 7th, 1868.

LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors of the Town Library respectfully present their report for the year ending February, 1868 :—

Number of books delivered,	2318
Weekly average,	45
Number of persons taking books,	414
Number of families,	170

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY :

Volumes purchased,	59
Presented by Unitarian Association,	12
Received from Review Club,	7

The above figures show a very slight decline in the number of books delivered the past year, which is accounted for by the demand for works of fiction, which has been supplied by another library, and brought weekly to the doors of subscribers during the summer. Your Committee would therefore recommend an appropriation of $100 for the purchase of new books, that the present deficiency may be supplied, by the purchase of the works of Dickens, and other popular authors which are so generally called for.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

ALLEN CAMERON,
CHARLES L. FLETCHER, } *Directors.*
GILMAN J. WRIGHT,

WESTFORD, February, 1868.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1869.

LOWELL:
STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, VOX POPULI OFFICE, 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1869.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD—1868.

Town Clerk,

LEONARD LUCE.

Selectmen,

GEORGE T. DAY, WM. REED, 1st, J. HENRY READ.

Assessors,

JACOB SMITH, EDWARD PRESCOTT, ALDEN P. OSGOOD,

Overseers of Poor,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ELI TOWER, GILMAN J. WRIGHT.

Town Treasurer,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

School Committee,

Rev. LEONARD LUCE,
Rev. GEORGE H. YOUNG,
WILLIAM TAYLOR,
MOSES EDWARDS,
GEORGE HUTCHINS,
JEPTHA WRIGHT,
SAMUEL FLETCHER,
GEORGE H. PRESCOTT,
H. A. HUTCHINSON,
ASA HILDRETH,
STEPHEN E. HUTCHINS,
GEORGE S. FREDERICK.

Collector,

WILLIAM AGNEW.

Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm — Hiram H. Decatur, Artemas W. Cummings, Daniel Flagg.

Constables — Isaac E. Day, Edward Prescott.

Library Committee — Allen Cameron, C. L. Fletcher, Gilman J. Wright.

Librarian — Eliza J. Herrick.

Highway Surveyors (in Districts) —

No. 1—Samuel Wiley,
" 2—William Agnew,
" 3—William Kittredge,
" 4—Oliver Woodward,
" 5—John Dane,
" 6—Asia Nutting,
" 7—Alfred Blood,
" 8—Edward Prescott,
" 9—J. W. P. Abbot,
No. 10—Orin Coolidge,
" 11—J. B. Fletcher,
" 12—George Laws,
" 13—William M. Vose,
" 14—Franklin A. Fletcher,
" 15—Amos Leighton,
" 16—Alpheus J. Reed,
" 17—Nathan S. Hamblin,
" 18—Levi Snow.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber —

George R. Moore,
Oliver Woodward,
Luther Prescott,
H. A. Hutchinson,
Amos Hildreth, 2nd,
Cyrus Hamlin,
T. H. Hamblett,
Asa Hildreth,
Lorenzo Sweetzer,
S. A. Hamblin,
Daniel Falls,
Isaac P. Woods,
Jacob Blodgett,
George Drew.

Fence Viewers — Jacob Smith, Eli Tower, William Agnew.

Field Drivers — George B. Hildreth, Allen R. Perham, E. Symmes, Hiram H. Decatur, Joseph Gould, Timothy Fletcher, John Tower, Samuel Wiley, George T. Day, John M. Fletcher, Merrick Reed.

Sealer of Weights and Measures — Gilman J. Wright.

Weighers of Hay — John B. Fletcher, N. H. Wright, Samuel A. Hamblin, A. W. Cummings, J. M. Fletcher.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WESTFORD, February 10th, 1869.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$ 1,323 15
Cash borrowed,	3,165 00
Corporation Tax prior to 1868,	9 34
Corporation Tax in 1868 in full,	756 64
Aid to soldiers' families, 1866, refunded by State in part,	52 00
Aid to soldiers' families, 1867, refunded by State in part,	848 00
Interest allowed by County Treasurer, advance payment of Tax,	12 47
George S. Frederick, error School District No. 8, corrected,	0 50
D. A. Dow, Liquor Agent, in full,	33 71
H. & A. Whitney, error in bill of lumber, refunded,	15 22
John M. Fletcher, old lead sold,	13 89
Sales of casks, &c., Liquor Agency,	4 75
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1866, three poll taxes specially assessed in 1866,	5 82
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1867, one poll tax previously abated and error corrected,	2 90
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1867, in full,	1,260 00
Asa Hildreth, Collector, interest on Taxes,	41 07
William Agnew, Collector, 1868, before Oct. 6th, 1868,	8,343 47
William Agnew, Collector, 1868, before Dec. 6th, 1868,	1,312 09
William Agnew, Collector, 1868, after Dec. 6th, 1868,	2,563 00
	$19,763 02

PAYMENTS.

Eli Tower, two notes and interest,	$1,213 66	
Railroad National Bank, two notes and interest,	2,000 00	
A. J. Reed, two notes and interest,	415 73	
Phebe W. Carter, one note and interest,	185 50	
Permelia Hildreth, one note and interest,	103 68	
Sarah Parker, one note and interest,	259 62	
Sarah S. Reed, one note and interest,	207 50	
Betsy P. Day, one note and interest,	281 27	
Sarah Osgood, one note and interest,	104 16	
Betsy K. Groce, one note and interest,	524 83	
Jesse Wright, one note and interest,	505 75	
John Lanktree, one note and interest,	102 43	
Charles L. Fletcher, one note and interest,	102 50	
Timothy Fletcher, one note and interest,	104 15	
Calvin Howard, one note and interest,	410 46	
Trustees of Westford Academy, one note and int.,	205 40	
Amos Day, one note and interest,	344 06	
Moses Caryl, one note and interest,	206 90	
Joseph Hildreth, one note and interest,	526 25	
Daniel Flagg, one note and interest,	309 90	
Ward Coburn, one note and interest,	415 40	
Alvan Fisher, one note and interest,	205 36	
	$8,734 51	
Interest on notes,	253 50	
State Tax, 1868,	2,080 00	
County Tax, 1868,	959 23	
Overseers of the Poor on orders,	1,323 63	
Outstanding orders on last settlement,	20 50	
Orders drawn in 1868 and 1869,	3,826 36	
Schools,	1,574 10	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	991 19	
		$19,763 02

Your Committee announce with great pleasure that every note which has been given on account of the town has been paid, and the claims are as follows:

LIABILITIES.

Due the several School Districts,	$2,173 10	
Expense of Kilburn suit against the town, (estimated,)	200 00	
William Agnew, Collector, 1868,	100 00	
Amount carried forward,		$2,473 10

Amount brought forward,		$2,473 10

RESOURCES.

Due from the State, aid to soldiers' families, 1865,	$ 51 18	
Due from the State, aid to soldiers' families, 1866,	92 00	
Due from the State, aid to soldiers' families, 1867,	32 00	
Due from the State, aid to soldiers' families, 1868,	778 00	
Balance of Tax, 1868, uncollected,	154 55	
Balance of cash in the Treasury,	991 19	
		2,098 92
Balance against the town,		$374 18

J. W. P. ABBOT, }
L. L. FLETCHER, } Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Town Officers.

George T. Day, for services as Selectman, for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	$ 5 00
for making out Town Report for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	5 00
for getting the same printed,	2 00
for making out State Aid returns, for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	5 00
for extra time spent as Selectman, for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	37 00
for express, &c.,	2 35
William Reed, for services as Selectman, for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	5 00
for extra time spent as Selectman, for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	20 00
J. Henry Read, for services as Selectman, for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	5 00
for extra time spent as Selectman for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	5 00
Leonard Luce, salary as Town Clerk, for the year ending March 1st, 1868,	12 00
for obtaining, recording, indexing and returning to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, births, deaths and marriages, from January 1st, 1867, to January 1st, 1868,	20 40
for recording 12 births not before recorded,	3 60
for recording returns from undertakers and others,	4 00
attending meeting of Town Clerks, at Tyngsboro', November, 1867,	3 00
express, stationery, stamps, &c.,	6 00
Amount carried forward,	$140 35

Amount brought forward,		$140 35
S. D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending March 1st, 1868,		50 00
paying State and County taxes, 1867, and collecting Corporation tax, &c., from State Treasurer,		5 00
entertainment furnished Committee to reckon with Treasurer, 1867,		4 00
postage, paper, &c.,		4 48
Jacob Smith, Assessor, 25 days,	$75 00	
Edward Prescott, Assessor, 20 days,	60 50	
Alden P. Osgood, Assessor, 12 days,	36 00	
		171 50
Rev. L. Luce, services as School Committee, furnishing room, lights, &c.,	$60 00	
Rev. G. H. Young, services as School Committee,	41 58	
		101 58
S. D. Fletcher, cover for hearse,		6 26
First Parish, use of bell for year ending April 1st, 1868,		7 50
A. W. Cummings, appraising property at Poor Farm, 1866–7,		4 00
Z. Reed, appraising property at Poor Farm, 1868,		2 00
Traders and Mechanics Insurance Co., for renewal of insurance on Poor Farm buildings,		40 50
Chase & Hildreth, printing Assessors' notices, &c.,		11 50
Daniel Atwood, going to Lowell and Cambridge three times on Abbot Worsted Co. case,		9 00
Jacob Smith, going to Lowell and Cambridge before County Commissioners,		8 00
Jacob Smith, express, postage, &c.,		82
C. L. Fletcher, going to Lowell and Cambridge, before County Commissioners,		7 00
Lyman Smith, drawing hearse from North Chelmsford,		2 50
Luther Wilkins, attending 23 funerals with hearse,		35 65
Fielding & Bartlett, articles for hearse,		7 80
Sargent & Co., Boston, 1 set runners for hearse,		51 50
William Reed, money advanced in Kilburn suits,		20 30
Amos Day, work at West Burying Ground,		6 00
Levi Snow, work at East Burying Ground,		8 00
First Parish, use of hall, one year,		35 00
N. S. Hamblin, use of room for Selectmen and Assessors,		30 00
A. C. Coggeshall, stationery, &c.,		3 50
J. B. Fletcher, paper, postage, &c.,		4 59
John Lanktree, iron work for Surveyors,		9 90
G. B. Hildreth, painting Common fence and furnishing stock,		77 48
F. K. Proctor, money refunded for trespass on land of Ira Leland,		7 00
Amount carried forward,		$872 71

Amount brought forward,	$872 71
F. K. Proctor, repairing cart and plow broken in working on road in 1866,	4 25
William M. Vose, repairing plow broken working on road,	1 00
Catherine Tyng, land damage on Makepeace road,	22 50
C. G. Sargent, land damage awarded by Selectmen in 1865,	50 00
Stone & Huse, printing Town Reports,	45 00
Stone & Huse, printing School Reports,	30 00
Stone & Huse, printing warrants, check-lists, notices, bills for teachers, &c.,	35 55
George B. Dupee, breaking roads,	7 00
A. P. Bonney, as counsel for town, general retainer, advice at various times given to the Selectmen and Assessors,	100 00
	$1,168 01

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Ward Coburn, services as Master of Alms House for the year ending April 1st, 1868,	$400 00
Order,	125 00
Order,	150 00
Order,	317 00
Order,	331 63
	$1,323 63

LIBRARY.

Eliza J. Herrick, Librarian, one year,	$ 50 00
For books purchased,	100 20
	$150 20

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

EXPENSE OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

William Agnew, Surveyor in District No. 2,	$69 65
William Kittredge, Surveyor in District No. 3,	89 20
Oliver Woodward, Surveyor in District No. 4,	62 50
John Dane, Surveyor in District No. 5,	56 40
Asia Nutting, Surveyor in District No. 6,	66 00
Alfred Blood, Surveyor in District No. 7,	65 90
Alfred Blood, Surveyor in District No. 7,	52 50
Edward Prescott, Surveyor in District No. 8,	22 20
Amount carried forward,	$484 35

Amount brought forward,	$484 35
J. W. P. Abbot, Surveyor in District No. 9,	56 55
Orin Coolidge, Surveyor in District No. 10,	53 65
John B. Fletcher, Surveyor in District No. 11,	67 71
George Laws, Surveyor in District No. 12,	60 50
William M. Vose, Surveyor in District No. 13,	60 00
F. A. Fletcher, Surveyor in District No. 14,	61 80
Amos Leighton, Surveyor in District No. 15,	43 20
A. J. Reed, Surveyor in District No. 16,	62 05
N. S. Hamblin, Surveyor in District No. 17,	68 55
Levi Snow, Surveyor in District No. 18,	53 80
Levi Snow, Surveyor in District No. 18,	5 20
Hiram H. Decatur, breaking roads in 1868,	56 70
George B. Dupee, breaking roads in 1868,	25 55
Oliver Woodward, breaking roads in 1868,	31 50
John Dane, breaking roads in 1868,	17 10
Asia Nutting, breaking roads in 1868,	43 40
Edwin Gould, breaking roads in 1868,	38 70
Edwin Gould, breaking roads in 1868,	32 00
Edward Prescott, breaking roads in 1868,	8 80
A. W. Cummings, breaking roads in 1868,	10 00
Orin Coolidge, breaking roads in 1868,	8 00
J. B. Fletcher, breaking roads in 1868,	16 58
William M. Vose, breaking roads in 1868,	21 35
F. A. Fletcher, breaking roads in 1868,	16 85
Amos Leighton, breaking roads in 1868,	7 00
A. J. Reed, breaking roads in 1868,	42 05
N. S. Hamblin, breaking roads in 1867–8,	36 40
Levi Snow, breaking roads in 1868,	24 85
Edmund Barton, breaking roads in 1868,	4 00
Levi Prescott, breaking roads in 1868,	17 80
N. S. Hamblin, work on highway,	4 50
J. W. Day, work on District No. 9,	22 00
Edwin Gould, work on highway, 1867,	6 70
J. H. Read, repairing bridge near Levi Snow's house,	15 00
S. N. Burbeck, repairing bridge near John Burbeck's house,	17 00
Hiram H. Decatur, repairing road near Adams' mills,	11 65
J. W. Keyes, repairing road and bridge on North road,	10 00
	$1,622 84

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Mrs. John Hammond, error in 1868,	$ 5 40
Jacob A. Wright, error in 1868,	1 40
Milan Stiles, error in 1868,	2 00
Dennis Flannigan, error in 1868,	2 00
Thomas Gilgan, error in 1868,	2 00
Charles H. Wilkenson, error in 1868,	2 00
Richard B. Toby, error in 1868,	2 00
Barlow Combing Company, error in 1868,	36 00
Mrs. Eunice Prescott, error in 1868,	1 08
Henry Parsons, error in 1868,	2 00
James A. Graham, poll tax, 1866,	2 00
William Craven, poll tax, 1866,	2 00
Henry Secord, 1867,	2 00
William Craig, 1867,	2 00
Edward Carr, 1867,	2 00
Thomas Harding, 1867,	2 00
Noah Prescott, 1867,	2 00
James Bonney,	2 68
William Graig,	2 45
George F. McNeil,	2 45
Roger Shackleton,	45
Edward Wetherbee,	3 19
Patrick Curley,	45
George H. Young,	71
William E. Symmes, 1867,	40
Lafayette Whittier, 1867,	40
Alfred Dickenson, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Benjamin O. Cummings, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Richard Harrison, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
John Worden, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
M. F. Prue, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
John Holden, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
James Howe, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Sidney Spaulding, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Jareb Spaulding, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Jeremiah Foster, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Rufus E. Winn, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Joseph A. Winn, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
David Cummings, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
William E. Symmes, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
	$111 06

STATE AID.

State aid,	$813 00

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Voted by the Town, $2,500, — $1,500 of which was divided equally between the School Districts, and the remainder equally between the scholars, which gave the several Districts the following sums:

School Districts.

No. 1,	85 scholars,	$342 10
" 2,	49 "	260 74
" 3,	53 "	269 78
" 4,	51 "	265 26
" 5,	49 "	260 74
" 6,	22 "	199 72
" 7,	47 "	256 62
" 8,	30 "	217 80
" 9,	17 "	188 42
" 10,	113 "	405 38
		$2,666 56

SUMMARY.

Roads and Bridges,	$1,722 84
Incidental Expenses,	1,171 01
Abatement of Taxes,	111 06
State Aid,	813 00
Overseers of Poor,	1,323 63
Public Schools,	2,666 56
Library,	150 20
	$7,958 30

VALUATION AND TAXES.

Valuation of Real Estate,	$695,066 00
Valuation of Personal Estate,	300,839 00
Total valuation, May 1st, 1868, was	$995,905 00
Number of polls assessed	446
Tax on polls,	$2 00
Rate of Taxation,	$1 20 on $100 00

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Number of dwelling-houses,	323
Number of horses,	223
Number of cows,	584
Number of sheep,	79
Number of acres of land taxed,	17,900
Total tax for State, County and Town purposes, including Highway tax,	$12,852 82

GEORGE T. DAY,
WILLIAM REED, 1st,
J. HENRY READ,
} Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 15th, 1869.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the support of the poor for the year ending February 6th, 1869:

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee:

February 7th, 1868,	$2,536 89
February 6th, 1869,	2,595 60
Gain on personal property,	$ 59 71

INCOME FROM THE FARM AS BY WARD COBURN'S BOOKS.

Received for Butter,	$150 48	
Milk,	12 78	
Hay,	242 44	
Potatoes,	56 00	
Chickens,	16 42	
One fat cow,	80 00	
Ox-work,	12 00	
Oats,	16 00	
Cow hide,	6 72	
Calves,	34 04	
From Mrs. Cowdry,	64 00	
Apples,	4 50	
Eggs,	4 15	
Cider,	22 57	
Use of horse,	2 00	
Use of boar,	5 00	
Stove,	3 00	
Labor off the farm,	25 50	
		$757 60

Bills Paid.

For Meat,	$83 60	
Boots and shoes for inmates,	14 25	
Meal,	43 09	
Oats for seed,	7 85	
Fish,	23 36	
Groceries,	9 24	
Clothes for the inmates,	27 00	
Grinding grain,	4 20	
Repairing wagon,	1 25	
Repairing corn shellers,	1 00	
Fixing axes,	2 50	
Two heifers,	87 50	
Blacksmithing,	10 66	
Plough castings,	1 44	
Blank book,	1 75	
Stove pipe,	1 00	
Garden seeds,	0 75	
Flour,	24 50	
Crackers,	0 75	
Labor,	196 00	
Paid J. B. Fletcher, for groceries,	98 88	
Wright & Co., for groceries,	273 85	
S. T. Wright, for groceries,	54 92	
E. Carter,	2 67	
S. D. Fletcher, for poudrette,	15 75	
E. Prescott, for making cider,	3 15	
Mrs. Nichols, for work,	1 24	
Cap for B. Leland,	1 00	
Oil meal,	5 25	
Saw plate,	1 10	
Vinegar,	1 00	
Rye,	12 00	
Sundries,	7 86	
Two cows,	125 00	
Plaster,	5 40	
Coffin for Mr. Allen,	7 00	
Digging graves,	7 00	
Paints, oils, brushes,	12 64	
Cotton cloth,	21 62	
Cloth for boys' pants,	6 25	
Repairing boots and shoes,	6 30	
Cap for I. Scott,	1 00	
Ward Coburn, for services as Master of the Poor House, from April 1st, 1867, to April 1st, 1868,	400 00	
Amount carried forward,		$1,612 57

Amount brought forward,		$1,612 57
From which deduct proceeds sold from farm,	757 60	
And gain on personal property,	59 71	
		$817 31
Leaves $805 26, as the cost of supporting the poor inside the Alms House,		$805 26

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE THE ALMS-HOUSE.

Paid N. Robbins, for coffin for Mrs. Defoe,	$10 00
Expense in carrying Alden H. Woodward to the Insane Hospital, Worcester,	5 90
D. W. Bemis, Treasurer of the Insane Hospital, Worcester, for board of Mary A. Hildreth,	121 00
D. W. Bemis, for board and other expenses of Alden H. Woodward,	111 09
G. J. Wright, for time and expense in carrying Roger Shackelton to State Alms-house,	2 90
Time and expense in removing Alden H. Woodward from State Alms-house, to Westford,	3 89
Time and expense in removing Charles F. and Fred. H. Peckins, from Ashburnham,	6 95
Town of Ashburnham, for the relief of Artemus Peckins' family,	37 16
Mrs. R. P. Twiss, for board of Peckins' children,	6 00
A. B. Cutter, for wood furnished Robert Parker,	8 75
A. F. & N. B. Conant, for supplies furnished R. Parker,	5 00
A. F. & N. B. Conant, for supplies furnished Charles Delony,	5 00
J. B. Fletcher, for supplies for Robert Parker's family,	23 92
Dr. W. A. Webster, for medical attendance on R. Parker,	65 75
Town of Ipswich, for the relief of Eunice Fletcher,	11 88
Amount carried forward,	$425 19

Amount brought forward,	$425 19	
Paid Dr. D. A. Dow, for medical attendance on Lizzie Shackerew,	6 00	
Dr. D. A. Dow, for removing Ellen Shackerew and children to State Alms-house,	5 00	
City of Lowell, for relief of T. Nolan,	26 54	
For the relief of Mrs. Hoyle and family,	46 75	
For wood for Mrs. Farmer,	14 00	
Car fare for Mrs. Allen and daughter,	4 25	
E. Tower, for time and expense in going to Lowell twelve times to see about town paupers,	10 00	
For time spent in buying cows for Poor Farm,	3 00	
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00	
G. J. Wright, for money order, stationery and postage,	1 18	
G. J. Wright, for services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00	
E. Prescott, for time spent in buying cows for Poor Farm,	3 00	
For making out reports to the State,	5 00	
For making out report to the town,	5 00	
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00	
Justice for administering oath,	0 50	
		$585 41

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM,

For the Year ending February 6th, 1869.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer,	$1,323 63	
Received for wood furnished William Nichols, in 1867,	6 00	
Received of E. S. Hildreth & G. E. Burt, for board of Mary A. Hildreth, at Worcester,	121 00	
		$1,450 63
Due from the Commonwealth,	108 42	
Gain on personal property,	59 71	
		$168 13
Cost of supporting the poor exclusive of interest on the farm,		$1,282 50

Number of persons supported in the Alms-house the past year, 15; average number, $8\frac{8}{13}$. The number assisted out of the Alms-House, 21. The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, 58.

Names and ages of the paupers in the Alms-House, February 6th, 1869.

	Age.		Age.
Betsy Hildreth,	58	Isaac Scott,	21
William Mears,	78	Alden H. Woodward,	22
Abijah Read,	61	Charles F. Peckins,	10
Ebenezer Tidd,	82	Frederick H. Peckins,	8
Samuel Richardson,	61	Mary E. Cowdry,	9
Frederick Bishop,	13	Anna Cowdry,	7

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ELI TOWER,
GILMAN J. WRIGHT,
} Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1st, 1870.

LOWELL, MASS.
STONE & HUSE, 21 CENTRAL ST., BOOK PRINTERS.
1870.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD—1869.

Town Clerk,

LEONARD LUCE.

Selectmen,

J. W. P. ABBOT, LUKE L. FLETCHER, JOSIAH REED.

Assessors,

JACOB SMITH, EDWARD PRESCOTT, ALDEN P. OSGOOD.

Overseers of the Poor,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ISAAC E. DAY, JACOB SMITH.

Town Treasurer,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

School Committee,

Rev. LEONARD LUCE,
Rev. GEORGE H. YOUNG,
WILLIAM TAYLOR,
MOSES EDWARDS,
GEORGE HUTCHINS,
EDWIN GOULD,
SAMUEL FLETCHER,
GEORGE H. FLETCHER,
AUGUSTUS BUNCE,
ASA HILDRETH,
ASAPH B. CUTTER,
GEORGE S. FREDERICK.

Collector,

WILLIAM AGNEW.

Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm—Daniel Flagg, Artemas W. Cummings, Oliver Woodward.

Constables—Isaac E. Day, Edward Prescott.

Library Committee—Allan Cameron, Miss Eliza J. Herrick, Miss Amanda M. Hale.

Librarian—Miss Amanda M. Hale.

Highway Surveyors (in Districts)—

No. 1—Albert P. Richardson,	No. 10—Owen Cooledge, Jr.,
" 2—William Agnew,	" 11—Luther Wilkins,
" 3—*William Kittredge,	" 12—George Laws,
" 4—Allan R. Perham,	" 13—John Hutchins, Jr.,
" 5—John Dane,	" 14—*Edward Gates,
" 6—John Lynch,	" 15—Amos Leighton,
" 7—Bradley V. Lyon,	" 16—*Jacob Smith,
" 8—Edward Prescott,	" 17—*Daniel Flagg,
" 9—*Artemas W. Cummings,	" 18—*Alden P. Osgood.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, (legally qualified)—Oliver Woodward, Daniel Falls.

Weighers of Hay—John B. Fletcher, N. H. Wright, Samuel A. Hamlin, Artemas W. Cummings, John M. Fletcher.

Fence Viewers—Jacob Smith, Eli Tower, William Agnew.

Field Drivers—George B. Hildreth, Allan R. Perham, Edward Symmes, Hiram Decatur, Joseph Gould, Timothy Fletcher, John Tower, Samuel Wiley, George T. Day, John M. Fletcher, Noah Prescott, Merrick Reed, James O. Richardson.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Gilman J. Wright.

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*Appointed by the Selectmen in place of the persons chosen who declined.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

WESTFORD, February 2d, 1870.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands last settlement,.....	$ 991 19
Cash borrowed,.....	7,401 88
Corporation Tax, 1869, in part,.....	944 67
Aid to Soldiers' Families, 1865, refunded by State,.....	1 54
Aid to Soldiers' Families, 1866, refunded by State,.....	90 00
Aid to Soldiers' Families, 1868, refunded by State,.....	729 00
John M. Fletcher, for old paper,.....	4 71
C. Tyng, order in 1868, not accepted, for land damage, ..	22 50
C. M. Davis, land damage not accepted,.....	18 00
William Agnew, Collector, 1868, interest on taxes,.....	1 00
" " " 1868, in full,.....	154 55
" " " 1869, before Oct. 6th, 1869,..	8,792 74
" " " 1869, before Dec. 6th, 1869, .	1,264 90
" " " 1869, after Dec. 6th, 1869,...	1,740 00
State School Fund,.....	148 27
Cash advanced and due S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer, ...	333 54
	$22,633 49

PAYMENTS.

Railroad Bank, notes and interest,.....	$3,000 00
George H. Young, note and interest,.....	101 60
Trustees Westford Academy, note and interest,	516 50
A. J. Read, note and interest,.....	415 06
Amount carried forward,.....	$4,033 16

Amount brought forward,	$4,033 16	
State tax, 1869,	2,500 00	
County tax, 1869,	1,058 46	
Overseers of the Poor, on orders,	1,651 18	
Orders drawn, 1869-70,	10,657 51	
Schools,	2,738 18	
		$22,638 49

Your Committee further report that the town is indebted to the following persons on notes, also other claims, to wit.:

A. J. Read, one note,	$100 00	
John Cutter, one note,	500 00	
Sally B. Cummings, one note,	100 00	
Daniel Flagg, one note,	250 00	
Betsey K. Groce, one note,	500 00	
Mechanics' Savings Bank, Lowell, one note,	2,000 00	
		3,450 00
Interest accrued on above notes,	66 55	
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended,	2,082 84	
Outstanding orders,	19 60	
William Agnew, Collector, 1869, estimated,	100 00	
Due S. D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer,	333 54	
		6,052 53

RESOURCES.

State aid due for 1865,	$ 49 64	
State aid due for 1866,	2 00	
State aid due for 1867,	32 00	
State aid due for 1869,	699 00	
Corporation tax for 1869, due,	20 24	
Due from William Agnew, Collector, 1869,	750 02	
		1,552 90
Balance against the town, Feb. 2d, 1870,		4,499 63
Balance against the town, Feb. 10th, 1869,		374 18
Increase of liabilities,		$4,125 45

J. HENRY READ,
CHARLES G. SARGENT, } Committee.
ALPHEUS J. READ,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer's salary,	$ 50 00	
paying State and County taxes, Insurance, entertainment for Committee and other services,	10 00	
		$60 00
Leonard Luce, Town Clerk's Salary, 1868,	12 00	
Births, marriages and deaths,	29 15	
Postage, stationery, and other services,	9 50	
Leonard Luce, Town Clerk's salary, 1869,	12 00	
Going to Tyngsborough, November 3, 1869,	2 50	
Recording thirty-three deaths,	3 50	
Postage and stationery,	5 00	
		73 45
G. T. Day, Selectman's salary,	5 00	
Making out Town Report, State Aid, Road Warrants, &c.,	14 50	
Twenty-one days' extra services,	52 50	
Expense on town business,	14 75	
Express expenses,	3 42	
		90 17
J. H. Reed, Selectman's salary,	5 00	
Extra time on town business,	11 00	
		16 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

George H. Young, 1868,	$52 00	
" " " 1869,	31 75	
Paid for globe, closet and broom,	11 33	
Leonard Luce, 1868,	59 95	
Amounts carried forward,	$155 03	$239 62

Amounts brought forward,	$155 03	$239 62
Leonard Luce, School Committee, 1869, forty-eight visits,	36 00	
Examining and School Committee meetings,	9 00	
Use of room and lights,	3 00	
Books for poor children,	4 00	
Books purchased for teachers,	18 00	
		22 00

LIBRARY.

Elliott, Thomes & Talbot, binding 63 vols,	$ 22 35	
W. V. Spencer, books,	100 00	
E. J. Herrick, Librarian,	50 00	
A. Cameron, moving library,	1 00	
A. Whitney, covering paper,	5 00	
		178 35
Union Society, use of bell, two years,	15 00	
First Parish, " " one year,	7 50	
" " use of Hall, five meetings,	125 00	
		147 50
Albert P. Richardson, attending twenty-five funerals,		38 75
" " going to N. Chelmsford three times,		6 00
Wm. Agnew, collecting $12,698.27 *a* 7⅞ mills,		100 00
" " " poll taxes,		5 00

HEARSE HOUSE.

H. & A. Whitney, lumber,	$137 81	
George F. Snow, labor and stone posts,	12 00	
George Drew, 20¾ days work,	62 25	
S. D. Fletcher, nails and lead,	8 69	
G. M. L. Hildreth, paint, oil and work,	26 00	
John Lanktree, iron work,	7 50	
B. & L. & N. and L. R. R., freight,	4 69	
A. W. Cummings, work,	3 00	
		261 94

BURYING GROUNDS.

G. F. Snow, re-setting 200 gravestones,	12 00	
" " mowing yard, No. 1, and general care,	6 00	
Amos Day, work on burying ground, No. 2,	6 00	
Amounts carried forward,	$24 00	$999 16

Amounts brought forward, ...	$24 00	$999 16
Asia Nutting, work on burying ground, No. 3,.	6 00	
J. B. Fletcher, Committee,.....	2 00	
J. W. P. Abbot, " and making report,..	3 00	
		35 00
Stone & Huse, printing 500 Town Reports,...	39 25	
" " " 300 School " ...	29 00	
		68 25
S. D. Fletcher, stationery and postage, ...	5 04	
" " Davis' Digest,.....	2 50	
J. B. Fletcher, postage,.....	0 62	
		8 16

ASSESSORS.

Jacob Smith, 32 days, and express 25c,.....	$96 25	
Edward Prescott, 26 days, and express 30c,...	78 30	
Alden P. Osgood, 23½ days,.....	70 50	
		245 05

REPAIRS ON HEARSE.

Wm. L. Draper,.....	$22 75	
John Lanktree,..... ...	2 50	
		24 75

SUNDRIES.

A. P. Richardson, attending 19 funerals,.....	36 00	
" " going to No. Chelmsford with old hearse, ...	2 00	
		38 00
Isaac E. Day, posting Town Warrants in 1867-68-69,.....		14 00
J. W. P. Abbot, various services up to October 1st,.....		11 13
Chase & Hildreth, printing 800 tax bills, ...		3 75
S. N. Burbeck, committee on Town House, ..,	5 00	
J. M. Chamberlin, " " " " ...	5 00	
		10 00
Edward Prescott, journey to E. Cambridge to appear before County Commissioners in Abbot Worsted Company Case, ...		5 00
N. S. Hamlin, use of room up to March 1st, 1870, one year,.....		35 00
Stone & Huse, printing Dog Notices, ...		2 75
S. D. Fletcher, stationery and postage,.....	2 76	
" " interest on money advanced, ..	6 72	
		9 48

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

N. S. Hamblin, District No. 17, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	$ 4 35	
Asia Nutting, District No. 6, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	11 20	
John W. Day, District No. 9, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	2 50	
J. B. Fletcher, District No. 11, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	5 20	
Wm. Agnew, District No. 2, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	12 30	
Wm. M. Vose, District No. 13, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	8 75	
John Dane, District No. 5, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	2 50	
Oren Coolidge, Jr., District No. 10, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	1 20	
Oliver Woodward, District No. 4, breaking out roads, 1868-69,	2 20	
		50 20
John W. Day, work on bridge and road,		2 50

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Albert P. Richardson, District No. 1,	$60 60	
Wm. Agnew, " " 2,	84 40	
Wm. Kittredge, " " 3,	108 95	
Allan R. Perham, " " 4,	56 25	
John Dane, " " 5,	51 40	
John Lynch, " " 6,	84 70	
B. V. Lyon, " " 7,	75 80	
Edward Prescott (1868), " " 8,	48 30	
A. W. Cummings, " " 9,	89 55	
Oren Coolidge, Jr., " " 10,	60 60	
Luther Wilkins, " " 11,	60 00	
George Laws, " " 12,	61 20	
John Hutchins, Jr., " " 13,	41 90	
Edward Gates, " " 14,	43 00	
Amos Leighton, " " 15,	49 50	
Jacob Smith, " " 16,	64 80	
Daniel Flagg, " " 17,	67 58	
Alden P. Osgood, " " 18,	74 10	
		1,188 63
Amount carried forward,		$1,188 63

Amount brought forward,		$1,188 63
A. H. Caryl, building side walls on bridge at Forge Village, by vote of the town,		300 00
Rebuilding Stone Bridge between Mrs. Gibson's and A. B. Cutter's:		
Jacob Smith, work and labor,	30 50	
Asia Nutting, stone work,	28 00	
John Bailey, work and labor,	16 25	
		74 75
Work on Wall and Railing opposite C. G. Sargent's house, Graniteville, and Railing south of Jeptha Wright's house:		
H. & A. Whitney, lumber for railing,	35 97	
Joseph Ingalls, labor,	30 00	
Wright & Co., nails, &c.,	2 43	
B. & L. and N. L. R. R., freight,	1 47	
David Reed, stone,	32 00	
Patrick Daly, work,	17 50	
Kendal A. Wright, carpenter's work,	3 48	
Dennis McCarty,	1 75	
Josiah Reed,	27 50	
John Lanktree, iron work for railing,	43 52	
		196 62
Rebuilding Boutwell Brook Road Bridge, and two Stone Bridges near Samuel Blodgett's, and work on the road:		
Asia Nutting, stone work,	$32 75	
John Daly, work,	16 00	
Levi Prescott, work,	4 00	
Josiah Reed, work,	23 50	
Luther W. Blodgett, work,	28 50	
John A. Chisholm, use of derrick,	7 50	
		112 25
Repairing Make-piece Road, rebuilding Stone Bridge and putting up Railings:		
Asia Nutting, stone work,	$24 50	
J. C. Bennett, carpenter's work,	6 50	
H. & A. Whitney, chestnut plank,	28 00	
Oliver Woodward, labor,	124 95	
		183 95

D. S. & G. F. Richardson, counsel fees in the two suits:

Kilburn against Westford,	$200 00	
Kilburn and wife against Westford,	200 00	
		400 00
G. F. Snow, administrator of Levi Snow,		5 00
Caroline M. Davis, broken ledge for road,		18 00
Joseph Gould, putting up posts, furnishing railings and labor on bridge by John Morrison's,		12 50
Asia Nutting, work on Stone Bridge and road between John Morrison's and Thaddeus A. Blodgett,		67 75
Edward Symmes, surveying contemplated road between Forge Village and Graniteville,		4 50
Mrs. Marcella Ward, for injury on North Plain road, near North Burying Ground,	75 00	
William A. Webster, medical attendance on Mrs. Ward,	10 00	
		85 00
Asia Nutting, work on road near North Burying Ground, and paid out for labor,		63 00
William M. Vose, cutting brush by side of a road,		3 50
J. W. P. Abbot, services about road and bridges up to October 1st, 1869,		24 95
Asia Nutting, cutting brush on North Plain road,	26 00	
" " cutting, carting and setting out willows near Thaddeus A. Blodgett's,	3 00	
		29 00
Lanktree & Danforth, irons for posts by John Morrison's house and Heywood's Mills, bolts and nails,		14 33
Allan R. Perham, District No. 4, breaking out roads, 1869, 85 hours,	17 00	
Allan R. Perham, District No. 4, breaking out roads, 1869, 10 hours,	2 00	
		19 00
Artemas Wheeler, breaking out road, 1869, 17 hours,		3 40
B. V. Lyon, District No. 7, breaking out road, 1869, 49 hours,		9 80
A. P. Richardson, District No. 1, work on road, 1869, 25 hours,		5 00
Daniel Flagg, District No. 17, work on road, 1869, 23 hours,		4 60
Edward Prescott, District No. 8, work on road, 1869, 6 hours,		1 20

Jacob Smith, District No. 16, work on road, 1869, 10 hours,		2 00
William Kittredge, District No. 3, work on Plain road, 1869, 30 hours,	6 00	
William Kittredge, breaking out roads, 1869, 45 hours,	9 00	
		15 00
Alden P. Osgood, District No. 18, breaking out roads, 1869, 14 hours,		2 80
Benjamin A. Reed, District No. 18, breaking out roads, 1869, 22 hours,		4 40
Luther Wilkins, District No. 11, breaking out roads, 1869, 45 hours,		9 00
William Agnew, District No. 2, breaking out roads, 1869, 29½ hours,	5 90	
William Agnew, District No. 2, repairing roads, 1869, 52½ hours,	10 50	
		16 40
James M. Wright, District No. 7, cutting brush on North road, 10 hours,		2 00
B. V. Lyon, District No. 7, work on bridge and road south of Jeptha Wright's,	46 15	
B. V. Lyon, work on Cowdry Hill road, and at Graniteville,	7 10	
		53 25
		$2,844 28

NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE AT GRANITEVILLE.

Ordered to the Committee,	$5,164 55
William Taylor, repairs on School-house, District 2,	1 50

STATE AID.

Amount drawn from the Treasury,	$699 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Otis Keyes,	$ 2 41
George Hutchinson, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Amount carried forward,	$ 4 41

Amount brought forward,	$ 4 41
Charles W. Coburn, poll tax, 1868,	2 00
Patrick Conley, " " "	2 00
William J. Wyeth, " " "	2 00
W. C. Parsons, " " "	2 00
James Morrison, " " 1867,	2 00
Estate of Samuel Farwell,	5 40
Walter Shattuck, 1868,	2 58
Edward Carleton, error, 1869,	6 19
John M. Chamberlin, error, 1869,	7 51
George W. Heywood, " "	29 00
Jacob Blodgett, " "	2 00
Isaac Minott, " "	15 89
Stephen E. Hutchins, " "	5 77
John Lanktree, " "	12 34
Samuel Sheldon, " "	3 18
Mrs. B. K. Groce, " "	2 00
Mrs. M. A. Moore, " "	2 00
Benjamin O. Cummings, " "	2 00
Hanorie Dubie, " "	2 00
Joseph Lucien, " "	2 00
Everett J. Woods, " "	2 00
Isaac Spinney, " "	2 00
C. H. Peck, " "	2 00
	$120 27

SCHOOLS.

Appropriated for schools,	$2,500 00

SUMMARY.

Incidental expenses,	$1,112 51
Roads and Bridges,	2,844 28
Overseers of the Poor,	1,604 28
New School-house at Graniteville,	5,164 55
Repairs on School-house,	1 50
State Aid,	699 00
Abatement of Taxes,	120 27
	$11,546 39

VALUATION AND TAXES, 1869.

Valuation of Real Estate,	$713,805 00
Valuation of Personal Estate,	295,239 00
Total valuation, May 1st, 1869,	$1,009,044 00

No. of polls assessed, 434.

Tax on polls,	2 00

Rate of taxation, $1.67 on $100.00.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

No. of dwelling-houses,	340
No. of horses,	233
No. of cows,	604
No. of sheep,	36
No. of acres taxed,	17,900

Total tax for State, County and town purposes, including amount to pay for School-houses,	$17,365 66

J. W. P. ABBOT,
LUKE L. FLETCHER,
JOSIAH REED,
} Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 3d, 1870.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office, for the Year 1869.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 7th, Teophile Normandin, child of Teophile and Theotite (Raymond) Normandin.
" 8th, Joshua Calvin Decatur, child of Calvin A. and Emma F. (Norton) Decatur.
" 12th, Clara Wilson Hunt, child of George W. and Annie (Irish) Hunt.
Feb. 3rd, Jane Carmichael, child of John and Jeanette (Elder) Carmichael.
" 8th, Clara Augusta Burnett, child of Samuel and Clara E. (Young) Burnett.
" 3rd, Elmira Agnes Thorning, child of Augustus W. and Agnes (McFarland) Thorning.
" 13th, Delphis Brinnell, child of Peter and Angeline Brinnell.
" 21st, Nellie Adalaide Heywood, child of Edwin E. and Mary K. (Fletcher) Heywood.
" 28th, Lena Helen Fletcher, child of Frank L. and Helen (Tower) Fletcher.
March 7th, Sedelia Wells, child of Gideon and Rosa (Brinnell) Wells.
" 10th, Nellie M. Hutchins, child of George and Anne E. (Hutchinson) Hutchins.
" 11th, Josephine Cote, child of Moses and Catherine Cote.
" 18th, Louisa Nolan, child of Timothy and Julia (Shay) Nolan.
April, Ralph Keyes Swett, child of Charles E. and Clemantine (Keyes) Swett.
" 9th, Deidamia M. Carkin, child of Isaac W. and Mahala A. Carkin.
" 15th, Rena Estelle Prescott, child of G. Henry and Sophia (Carter) Prescott.
" 24th, Cummings W. Baker, child of John A. and Malinda (Adams) Baker.
" 29th, Charles S. Hopkins, child of John W. and Maria Agnes (Spurr) Hopkins.
May 10th, Annie Coburn, child of Peter and Mary (Sullivan) Coburn.
" 12th, James David Wilson, child of John and Lizzie (Scott) Wilson.
June 13th, Charles Arthur Sheldon, child of Samuel and Elvira M. (Reed) Sheldon.
" 14th, Mary Annie Wright, child of Jefferson and Nancy (Reed) Wright.
" 26th, John Muir Agnew, child of William and Janet (Muir) Agnew.
July 4th, Abby Splain, child of Patrick and Mary E. (Sullivan) Splain.
" 18th, Emma F. Hutchinson, child of Francis and Sarah S. (Temple) Hutchinson.
" 20th, Dora Ellen Sweetser, child of Lorenzo and Aurilla L. (Bostwick) Sweetser.
" 22nd, Frederick Alonzo Smith, child of Lyman A. and Sarah A. (Downs) Smith.
August 2nd, Della Luprey, child of Lewis and Mary Luprey.
" 3rd, Clara M. Keyser, child of John S. and Eliza E. (Merrill) Keyser.
" 9th, Hattie Augusta Parker, child of James M., and Abigail (Dudley) Parker.
" 15th, Sarah Josephine Dane, child of Hiram and Sarah (Carr) Dane.
" 22nd, William Lawrence Butterworth, child of John T. and Catherine E. (Gannon) Butterworth.
Sept. 23rd, Joseph B. Sullivan, child of John and Sarah J. (Rafferty) Sullivan.
" 24th, Hattie Sargent Hosmer, child of Cyrus and Esther (Hutchins) Hosmer.
Oct. 18th, Hannora Crowley, child of Peter and Hannah Crowley.
" 18th, James B. Holt, child of James and Elizabeth (Riley) Holt.
" 20th, William W. Spaulding, child of Calvin Warren and Jane (Harris) Spaulding.
" 28th, Mabel Alberta Pilling, child of Charles A. and Sarah M. Pilling.
Nov. 11th, Alice Fillebrown, child of Thomas G. and Augusta E. (Wyeth) Fillebrown.
" 23rd, Hattie Rebecca Blodgett, child of Luther W. and Sarah A. (Blood) Blodgett.
" 28th, Idella Simard, child of Aristile and Sorois Simard.
Dec. 15th, Bessie Maria Day, child of Isaac E. and L. Maria (Whiting) Day.
" 16th, Emma J. Foster England, child of James P. and Ann (Foster) England.
" 2nd, Walter Augustus Whidden, child of Augustus F. and Mary E. (Caldwell) Whidden.
" 30th, —— King, child of Felix and Felice (Dumont) King.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 23rd, Abram Brown, of Billerica, to Lydia Fletcher, of Westford.
Feb. 16th, Jareb Downs, of Westford, to Mindwell A. Hull, of Lee, N. H.
" 23rd, Joseph Lister, of Savannah, Ill., to Alice B. Slater, of Westford.
March 4th, Reuben J. Butterfield, of W. Chelmsford, to Susan Augusta Fletcher, of Westford.
" 9th, I. Henry Stone, of Kankeakee, Ill., to Georgiana Patten, of Westford.
" 19th, Hiram Cram, of Westford, to Alice C. Matthews, of Chuska, Minn.
April 14th, Patrick McEllicott, of Westford, to Eliza McOwen, of Lowell.
" 10th, Samuel W. Hosley, of Littleton, to Nancy (Reed) Gilson, of Westford.
" 28th, Ward Augustus Coburn, of Westford, to Jennie E. Smart, of Milford, N. H.
July 9th, Alfred C. M. Smith, of Westford, to Joana Lynch, of Lowell.
Sept. 2nd, Addison B. Wheeler, of Acton, to Berintha W. (Duren) Sawyer, of Westford.
" 6th, John B. Fletcher, of Westford, to Emily M. Chandler, of Westford.
" Richard Burgess, of Chelmsford, to Mary Ann Mullen, of Westford.
Oct. 14th, William A. Harris, of Westford, to Alice A. Baker, of Westford.
" 25th, Lawrence M. Gordon, of Westford, to Priscilla Killshun, of England.
Nov. 18th, Albert F. Conant, of Littleton, to Sarah Jane Patten, of Westford.
" " Solomon S. Gilson, of Westford, to Sophia Cheever, of Westford.
Dec. 2nd, Gilbert P. Morton, of Wilmont, N. S., to Abby T. Bruce, of Westford.

DEATHS.

	Y.	M.	D.
Jan. 7th, Henrietta B. (Bruce) Grant,	31	6	00
" 9th, Sallie (Griffin) White,	90	10	10
" 16th, George B. Lackey,	00	3	8
" 19th, Alvert E. Davis,	29	00	25
" 22nd, Patty (Fletcher) Osgood,	79	00	00
Feb. 12th, Isabella (Hildreth) Day,	64	00	00
" 27th, Levi Snow,	60	00	00
March 1st, Miriam (Keyes) Fletcher,	102	00	00
" 3rd, Louise (Reed) Snow,	60	00	00
" 11th, Roswell Brooks Hammond,	6	00	00
" 28th, Mary (Osgood) Wight,	80	00	00
" 31st, Henry P. Herrick,	57	00	00
April 5th, Hannah (Abbott) Hall,	87	00	00
" " Orphar (Fletcher) Fletcher,	75	00	00
" 7th, Thomas C. Parker,	86	00	00
May 13th, Matthew A. Smith,	25	00	00
" 18th, Ezekiel F. Kimball,	43	00	00
" 24th, Annie Coburn,	00	00	14
July 3rd, Eliza P. (Irving) Burbeck,	59	00	00
" 7th, Sally Walker,	94	00	00
" 24th, Elizabeth (Leighton) Hildreth,	94	00	11
Aug. 7th, Aurilla L. (Bostwick) Sweetser,	30	00	00
Sept. 29th, Annie Alice Shepard,	1	10	3
Oct. 4th, Hattie Sargent Hosmer,	00	00	10
" 10th, Jane Carmichael,	00	8	7
" 14th, John Howell Young,	81	1	3
" " John T. Wellman,	15	2	12
" " Henry Herrick,	92	6	28
" 23rd, Charles E. Pickett,	21	9	2
Nov. 4th, Mary E. (Hutchins) Hosmer,	34	7	15
" 6th, Salome (Parker) Andrews,	75	10	2
" 14th, Harriet J. Taylor,	21	9	2
" 25th, Joseph Leland,	60	10	3
" 26th, Ann (Ross) Holt,	67	00	6
Dec. 5th, Anna (Tenney) Spaulding,	82	00	00
" 19th, Jacob Burnham Smith,	52	8	11

LEONARD LUCE, *Town Clerk.*

SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY.

The Committe chosen to appraise the School District property in Westford, met May 22nd, 1869; and chose Elbridge G. Spalding, as Chairman, and Edward Prescott, Secretary; and submit the following appraisal:

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 1.

House and land,	$1,200 00
Two stoves and pipe,	17 00
Fifteen settees,	10 00
Total,	$1,227 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 2.

House and land,	$300 00
Stove and pipe,	8 00
Total,	$308 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 3.

House and land,	$514 00
Stove pipe and wood,	5 00
Library,	13 00
Total,	$532 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 4.

House and land,	$350 00
Two stoves and pipe,	12 00
Cash in hands of J. Smith & E. Wright,	14 11
Total,	$376 11

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 5.

House and land,	$400 00
Two stoves and pipe,	15 00
Cash in hands of E. Gates,	40 00
Total,	$455 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 6.

House and Land,	$200 00
Stove and pipe,	4 00
Total,	$204 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 7.

House and land,	$350 00
Stove and pipe,	2 00
Total,	$352 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 8.

House and land,	$125 00
Stove, pipe and wood,	6 00
Total,	$131 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 9.

House and land,	$175 00
Stove, pipe and wood,	2 00
Total,	$177 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 10.

House and land,	$544 00
Stove and pipe,	10 00
Total,	$554 00

Making the total amount of school district property, ... $4,316 11

All of which is respectfully submitted to the Assessors of Westford.

ELBRIDGE G. SPALDING, Chairman,
EDWARD PRESCOTT, Secretary,
J. MURRAY CHAMBERLIN,
JOSEPH W. KEYES,
MOSES EDWARDS,
GEORGE DREW,
FRANKLIN A. FLETCHER,

Committee to Appraise School District Property.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the support of the poor for the year ending January 31st, 1870:

Amount of personal property at the Almshouse, including tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee:

February 6th, 1869,	$2,595 60
January 31st, 1870,	2,474 41
Difference on personal property,	$121 19

INCOME FROM THE FARM AS BY JOHN L. MORRILL'S BOOKS.

Received for Butter,	$126 41	
Hay,	70 35	
Pork,	76 15	
Milk,	184 90	
Pigs,	54 00	
Apples,	115 50	
Potatoes,	3 50	
Use of horse,	1 25	
Calves,	70 98	
Cow hide,	5 32	
Eggs,	30	
From Mrs. Cowdry,	60 00	
Labor off the Farm,	31 50	
Board,	3 64	
Keeping Pedler,	16 25	
Stove,	2 50	
Four cows,	165 00	
Old furniture,	2 00	
		$989 55

BILLS PAID.

Paid Wright & Co., for groceries,	$231 92
S. D. Fletcher, "	69 39
J. B. Fletcher, "	117 60
Amount carried forward	$418 91

	Amount brought forward,	$418 91
Paid	Heywood & Burbeck, for grain and grinding,	39 94
	Tin-ware,	15 00
	Making clothes for inmates,	4 06
	Soap,	19 12
	Ladder,	3 50
	Butter,	22 26
	Axe,	1 75
	Thread,	1 50
	Roller for barn door,	39
	Fixing two axes,	1 00
	Turkey,	2 10
	Shorts,	41 62
	Fresh meat,	130 43
	Coffin and robe for W. Mears,	11 93
	Coffin for J. Leland,	13 00
	Digging grave for J. Leland,	3 00
	Groceries,	32 56
	Rosin,	10
	Seed Potatoes,	5 83
	Two cattle ties,	1 16
	Repairing harness,	2 10
	One box of glass and putty,	1 95
	Mending pump,	75
	One bag oil meal,	3 95
	One pail,	42
	Labor,	94 80
	Medical attendance and medicine,	59 25
	Farming tools,	6 60
	Fish,	5 70
	Lumber,	4 77
	Mending boots and shoes,	5 50
	A. Hackett, for carpenter's work,	12 40
	Crackers,	6 70
	Mending mowing machine,	3 10
	Mason work,	6 85
	Edwin Carter, for groceries,	39 43
	One bushel of beans,	4 50
	Lead pipe,	1 19
	Oil,	80
	Yarn,	2 62
	Oven door,	2 00
	Stockings,	1 25
	Tobacco,	1 00
	Two baskets,	1 50
	Red cord,	45
	House paper,	60
	Amount carried forward,	$1,039 34

Amount brought forward,	$1,039 34	
Paid One box of tomato plants,	75	
Blacksmithing,	53 56	
Pump,	13 25	
Freight bill,	65	
Hasps for barn door,	30	
Muzzles,	50	
Paint,	1 90	
Car fare for Mr. Tidd to Meredith,	2 50	
Turnip seed,	60	
Garden seeds,	3 59	
Clothes for inmates,	67 33	
Six cows,	420 00	
Car fare to Lowell,	60	
A. H. & G. E. Waldron, for wheelwright work,	44 00	
Cooking stove,	83 00	
Making cider,	2 50	
Ward Coburn, for services as Master of Almshouse from April 1st, 1868, to April 1st, 1869,	375 00	
		$2,109 37
Difference on personal property,		121 19
		$2,230 56
From which deduct proceeds sold from farm,	$989 55	
Milk bill unpaid Jan. 31st, 1870,	93 92	
Cash on hand,	23 57	
		$1,107 04
Difference,		$1,123 52

Leaves $1123.52 as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Almshouse.

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid E. Prescott, for time and expense in hiring a man to take charge of Almshouse,	$10 00
For making out reports to the State,	5 00
" " " " " Town,	5 00
For time and expense in going to Lowell to procure advertisements,	3 00
Amount carried forward,	$23 00

Amount brought forward,.....	$23 00	
Paid For printing,.....	3 00	
For services as Overseer of the Poor,.....	10 00	
Town of Randolph, for the relief of J. Kemp,	57 50	
Express, ...	0 50	
For the relief Mrs. Hoyle, ...	73 00	
For the relief of the Nolan family,.....	29 50	
For clothes and school books for Charles F. Perkins,.....	35 11	
For use of horse to move the Nolan family to the Almshouse	1 50	
Jacob Smith, for time and expense in going twice to Lowell to see about the Nolan family,.....	3 00	
For going to Concord to see about Charles Richardson,.....	2 50	
For going to Townsend to see about Charles Richardson, ...	4 00	
For going to Littleton to see about J. Leland,	1 00	
For services as Overseer of the Poor, ...	10 00	
For board of Alden H. Woodward at Worcester Hospital, from January 1st, 1869, to January 1st, 1870,.....	205 45	
Dr. D. A. Dow, for medical attendance for Mrs. Farmer, ...	3 00	
For the relief of Mrs. Farmer,.....	28 50	
I. E. Day, for time and expense in going to Littleton to buy cows for Poor Farm,...	1 25	
For going five times to Lowell to see about Mrs. Hoyle and the Nolan family,.....	4 25	
For services as Overseer of the Poor,.....	10 00	
Dr. Howard, for medical attendance for P. Kidder,.....	2 00	
City of Lowell, for the relief of the Nolan family,.....	2 00	
For the relief of R. Parker's family,.....	4 52	
For nails, ...	0 73	
Eli Tower, for going to Lowell five times to see about Mrs. Hoyle,.....	4 00	
		$483 31

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM,

For the Year ending January 31st, 1870.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer,.....	$1,651 18	
Money left by William Mears, ...	4 37	
Difference on personal property, ...	121 19	
		$1,771 74

Milk bill due,	$93 92	
Cash on hand,	23 57	
		117 49
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of interest on the farm,		1,659 25
A bill sent from the town of Ipswich, of		47 00
Also one from town of Randolph,		5 00

The above bills were not received until after the accounts were closed.

Due from the Commonwealth,	$108 42

Number of persons supported in the Almshouse the past year, 18; average number, 11 $\frac{2}{3}$. One person wholly supported out of the Almshouse. The number assisted out of the Almshouse, 14. The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, 102.

NOTE.

We would recommend to the Town that it instruct the Committee to appraise the property at the Almshouse, to make a report of the appraisal of said property to the Selectmen, and that it be printed in the Annual Report; as it would show to the Town wherein the difference in the appraisals consists.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ISAAC E. DAY,
JACOB SMITH,
} Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1871.

LOWELL:
STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, VOX POPULI OFFICE, 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1871.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD—1870.

Town Clerk,

LEONARD LUCE.

Selectmen,

J. HENRY READ, WILLIAM REED, ISAAC P. WOODS.

Assessors,

EDW. PRESCOTT, ASAPH B. CUTTER, H. M. HUTCHINS.

Overseers of the Poor,

EDW. PRESCOTT, ISAAC E. DAY, ORIN COOLIDGE, Jr.

Town Treasurer,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

School Committee,

Rev. LEONARD LUCE,
GEORGE F. SNOW,
J. HENRY READ,
WILLIAM A. WEBSTER,
MOSES EDWARDS,
AUGUSTUS BUNCE,
ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HIRAM DANE,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
GEORGE HUTCHINS,
EDWIN GOULD,
GEORGE H. PRESCOTT.

Collector,

ASA HILDRETH.

Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm—Daniel Flagg, Artemas W. Cummings, Oliver Woodward.

Constables—Isaac E. Day, Edward Prescott, Farnsworth Shattuck.

Library Committee—Charles O. Whitman, Miss Amanda M. Hale, Miss Sarah Heywood.

Librarian—Miss Amanda M. Hale.

Highway Surveyors (in Districts)—

No. 1—Francis K. Proctor,
" 2—Thomas Horan,
" 3—Eli Tower,
" 4—Allan R. Perham,
" 5—Almond Waldo,
" 6—John Lynch,
" 7—Edwin Gould,
" 8—Silas Lawrence,
" 9—Artemas W. Cummings,
No. 10—Orin Coolidge, Jr.,
" 11—Luther Wilkins,
" 12—George Laws,
" 13—John Hutchins, Jr.,
" 14—Edwin A. Gates,
" 15—Amos Leighton,
" 16—Calvin L. Howard,
" 17—Stephen E. Hutchins,
" 18—Edwin E. Heywood.

Weighers of Hay—John B. Fletcher, N. H. Wright, Samuel A. Hamlin, Artemas W. Cummings, John M. Fletcher.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WESTFORD, February 11th, 1871.

The Committee chosen by the Town to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Cash borrowed	$14,680 00
Corporation tax, 1869, in full	20 24
Corporation tax, 1870, in full	864 07
Aid to Soldiers' Families, 1869, refunded by State, in full,	699 00
Received from County Treasurer, Dog Tax, 1869	119 34
Cash for old School-House, No. 10	260 00
Cash for old Hearse House	20 00
State School Fund, 1869-70	188 60
Cash for old Seats	50
William Agnew, Collector, 1869, in full	750 02
" " " " interest on taxes	1 00
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1870, before October 6th, 1870	7,594 41
" " " " " December 6th, 1870,	1,546 78
" " " " after December 6th, 1870,	3,472 77
	$30,216 73

PAYMENTS.

Cash paid Treasurer, balance due last settlement	$333 54
John Lanktree, two notes and interest	304 29
Calvin Howard, note and interest	101 78
Daniel Flagg, note and interest	251 83
Railroad National Bank, Lowell	2,000 00
Interest on notes	367 00
State Tax, 1870	2,500 00
County Tax, 1870	1,058 46
Amount carried forward	$6,916 90

Amount brought forward	$6,916 90
Orders outstanding on last settlement	19 60
Overseers Poor on orders	1,858 93
Orders drawn 1870–71	17,328 85
Schools	2,877 03
Balance Cash in hands of Treasurer	1,215 42
	$30,216 73

The Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons and institutions, on notes and other claims, viz:

A. J. Reed	$ 200 00	
John Cutter	500 00	
Sally B. Cummings	100 00	
Betsey K. Groce	500 00	
Mechanics' Savings Bank, Lowell	9,800 00	
Daniel Flagg	450 00	
William Reed, 1st	500 00	
N. Harwood Wright	1,200 00	
Alson Tuttle	1,000 00	
Asaph B. Cutter	200 00	
A. P. Richardson	200 00	
Eli Tower	600 00	
John Lanktree	300 00	
		$15,550 00
Interest accrued on the above notes	235 04	
Balance of appropriation for Schools, unexpended	1,820 97	
Due for land taken for Town House	450 00	
		2,506 01
		$18,056 01

RESOURCES.

State Aid to Soldiers' Families, 1870, due from State	$656 00
Due from Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1870	265 00
Balance cash in Treasury	1,215 42
	$2,136 42
Balance against the Town, February 11th, 1871	$15,919 59
Balance against the Town, February 2nd, 1870	4,499 63
Increase of Liabilities	$11,419 96

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN, }
C. O. WHITMAN, } Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer's Salary, year ending March 1st, 1870	$50 00	
For entertainment Committee to settle with Treasurer	4 00	
For time and expense paying State and County Taxes, Collecting Corporation Tax and State Aid	6 00	
		$60 00
J. W. P. Abbot, making out Surveyors' warrants, 1869	3 00	
Making out Dog notices, and warrants to Constables, 1869	2 00	
Going to State House four times to settle and look up State Aid arrearages, 1869	10 00	
Ten days about Town business, between October, 1869 to February, 1870	20 00	
Making out Town Report, 1869	6 00	
Express on Town Reports	25	
		41 25
Josiah Reed, Selectman, Salary, 1869	5 00	
Extra time spent on town business, 1869	2 75	
		7 75
J. Henry Read, services as Selectman	5 00	
Making Town Report, State Aid, Road Warrants, Notices to dog owners, and Warrant to Constable	20 00	
Twelve days extra time on Town business	36 00	
		61 00
William Reed, services as Selectman, 1868	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman	5 00	
		10 00
Amount carried forward		$180 00

Amount brought forward		$180 00
William Reed, services as Selectman, 1870	$5 00	
Twelve days extra time	36 00	
		41 00
Isaac P. Woods, services as Selectman	5 00	
Four days extra time	12 00	
		17 00
		$238 00

LIBRARY.

Amanda M. Hale, Librarian	$50 00	
Directors of Town Library for Books	99 80	
		$149 80

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. W. P. Abbot, services as Committee on Burying Grounds, and making Report	$3 00	
Paid Dr. Pinkham, Certificate of Insanity for Rufus Keyes	4 00	
J. W. P. Abbot, for Lumber to prop up School House Hall	3 28	
		$10 28
Jacob Smith, copying valuation book, ten days, 1869	30 00	
Express and Postage	31	
		30 31
Edward Prescott, five days' time making return of the valuation to the State, 1869	15 00	
		15 00
A. P. Osgood, 6½ days copying valuation, 1869, and making return of the same	19 50	
		19 50
A. P. Bonney, to professional services and counsel, 1869	100 00	
A. P. Bonney, to professional services and counsel, 1870	100 00	
		200 00
A. H. Caryl, for cement pipe	36 00	
Stone	4 00	
Labor	13 00	
Iron Grating and Smith Work	12 60	
Amount carried forward	$65 60	

Amount brought forward	$65 60	
A. H. Caryl, 350 feet Pine Lumber	8 00	
17 Iron Posts at $1.50	25 50	
Drilling Holes for Posts	4 25	
Carpenter Work	10 00	
Painting Railing	13 00	
		$126 35
William Agnew, to collecting $12,299.53, 1869		122 99
Leonard Luce, to attending eight closing examinations of winter schools	6 00	
Making out School Report, 1869	10 00	
Time and expenses going to Lowell	1 75	
Express and Postage	3 00	
Rent of Carriage House for the use of Town Safe, two years	5 50	
Damage to Floor	2 00	
Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths	26 75	
		55 00
A. W. Cummings, appraising property at Poor Farm	4 00	
Moving Town Safe	4 00	
A. P. Richardson, attending two funerals with Hearse	3 00	
J. D. Warren, Auctioneer	6 00	
First Parish, use of Bell, 1869		7 50
Union Society, use of Bell, 1869		7 50
Farnsworth Shattuck, services as Constable		25 00
George F. Snow, Superintendence and mowing burying ground, No. 1	12 00	
Digging grave for William Mears	5 00	
		17 00
Catherine Tyng, Land Damage, 1869		10 00
Stone & Huse, printing 50 Posters, 1869	2 25	
Printing 425 Town Reports	44 60	
" Teachers' Receipts	2 50	
" School Reports	23 20	
" Burial and Road Notices	5 00	
" Tax Bills	3 75	
" Check Lists	13 25	
		94 55
H. H. Decatur, appraising property at Poor Farm		2 00
Heywood & Burbeck, 483 feet Chestnut Lumber		14 49
J. B. Fletcher, time and expense as Committee on Burying Grounds		12 25
N. S. Hamlin, Repairing Plow		5 00
S. D. Fletcher, Postage, Express and Stationery for Assessors		2 72
Amount carried forward		$502 26

Amount brought forward		$502 26
Edward Prescott, 19½ days, taking invoice and assessing Taxes		58 50
A. B. Cutter, 20 days, assessing Taxes		60 00
H. M. Hutchins, 23 days, assessing Taxes	69 00	
Tax Book	1 40	
		70 40
E. Symmes, Surveying N. Burying Ground, E. Burying Ground, site for Town House, &c.		27 75
G. F. Snow, services as School Committee	40 00	
Removing Bodies to make room for Receiving Tomb	8 00	
Time and Lumber furnished	2 00	
		50 00
Amos Day, work on West Burying Ground		6 50
H. C. & J. F. Howe, making plans for Town House, 1869,		100 00
N. S. Hamlin, building Receiving Tomb,	280 00	
Building Stone Wall	50 00	
		330 00
William Kittredge, attending 20 Funerals with Hearse and making return		35 00
S. G. Mack & Co., Tomb Door		30 00
A. Nutting, work on N. Burying Ground		7 50
N. S. Hamlin, use of room, 1870		35 00
Asa Hildreth, Collecting Taxes	104 49	
" " " Poll Taxes	5 00	
" " Stamp for Bond	1 00	
		110 49

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Jacob Smith, breaking roads, 81¼ hours	$16 25
Edward Prescott, breaking roads, 80 hours	16 00
Luther Wilkins, " " 90 "	18 00
Alden P. Osgood, " " 49 "	9 80
John Dane, " " 180¼ "	36 05
Allan R. Perham, " " 150 "	30 00
Amos Leighton, " " 41½ "	8 30
John Lynch, " " 309 "	61 80
George Laws, " " 39 "	7 80
John Hutchins, Jr., " " 82 "	16 40
" " work on roads, 1869,	13 80
A. W. Cummings, breaking roads, 78 hours	15 60
William Kittredge, " " 167 "	33 40
A. P. Richardson, " " 63 "	12 60
Amount carried forward	$295 80

Amount brought forward	$295 80	
B. V. Lyon, breaking roads, 245 hours	49 00	
Edwin A. Gates, " 90 "	18 00	
Daniel Atwood, " 40 "	8 00	
Oren Coolidge, " 50 "	10 00	
B. A. Read, " 44 "	8 80	
		$389 60

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

District No. 1, Francis K. Proctor	$ 62 50	
" " 2, Thomas Horan	111 40	
" " 3, Eli Tower	60 00	
" " 4, Allan R. Perham	60 00	
" " 5, Almond Waldo	62 00	
" " 6, John Lynch	65 10	
" " 7, Edwin Gould	63 80	
" " 8, Silas Lawrence	74 90	
" " 9, Artemas W. Cummings	60 00	
" " 10, Oren Coolidge, Jr.	66 55	
" " 11, Luther Wilkins	75 70	
" " 12, George Laws	60 30	
" " 13, John Hutchins, Jr.	55 70	
" " 14, Edwin A. Gates	34 00	
" " 15, Amos Leighton	9 60	
" " 16, Calvin L. Howard	60 02	
" " 17, Stephen E. Hutchins	65 70	
" " 18, Edwin E. Heywood	50 40	
		1,097 68
Josiah Reed, rebuilding Bridge, near School-house, No. 7	295 00	
Repairing 75½ rods road between Westford Centre and Westford Depot, $2.62½ per rod,	198 18	
		493 18
A. W. Cummings, repairing road between Westford Centre and Depot, 13½ rods, at $3.25,	43 87	
13½ rods at $2.00	27 00	
		70 87
H. H. Decatur, railing Bridge at Brookside		1 00
C. L. Howard, breaking Roads and repairing Bridge		17 80
Daniel Flagg, breaking Roads		21 90
Alfred Blood, work on Highway		5 00
Edwin Gould, work on Highway		36 70
Luther Wilkins, breaking Roads		14 40
Samuel Taylor, repairing Bridge		8 00
Amount carried forward		$175 67

Amount brought forward		$175 69
David Reed, repairing Roads		18 00
James Hildreth, repairing Bridge and Railing near James Hildreth's house		30 00
Edwin Gould, work on railing on Sand Hill		2 00
Baldwin & Mears, 800 feet Chestnut Lumber for railing on Sand Hill		20 00
Heywood & Burbeck, sawing railing for Sand Hill		4 00
John H. Blood, 3½ days' work on railing Bridge, near J. M. Wright's		9 00
J. Henry Read, repairing Road between Westford Centre and Depot, 78⅔ rods at $2.00		157 33
Luther W. Blodgett, repairing Swamp Road		130 00
Luther Wilkins, repairing Hill near Joseph D. Wilkerson's		70 00
B. V. Lyon, work on Snake Meadow Brook Bridge		3 00
William Reed, repairing Bridge near David Reed's, 1868	15 00	
Irons for railings on Sand Hill, 1870	3 52	
		18 52
William Agnew, breaking roads, 114 hours		22 80
James T. Patch, repairing Bridge, 1869		2 75

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

William Reed, error, 1867	$16 15
John Dinsmore, " 1869	2 00
Chas. F. Shaw, " "	2 00
Peter Flagg, " "	2 00
Chas. Fellows, " "	2 00
Michael Curtin, " "	2 00
Louis Duphy, " "	2 00
Alfred Parkhurst, " "	2 00
John B. Cummings, error, 1869	1 54
R. J. Butterfield, " "	2 18
Joshua Whidden, abated by vote of the Town	6 63
John Hutchins, error, 1870	2 06
George F. & S. L. Snow, error, 1870	3 75
James Baker, " "	2 00
George Weston, " "	2 00
Charles J. Hewitt, " "	2 00
Gardner H. Eastman, " "	2 00
Peter Goudro, " "	2 00
Joseph Stone, " "	2 00
Philip Corbiere, abated, 1870	2 00
John Johnson, " "	2 00
Amount carried forward	$62 31

Amount brought forward	$62 31
John Peacock, abated 1870	2 00
Daniel Shehan, " "	2 00
Solomon S. Gilson, abated 1870	2 00
	$68 31

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Samuel Wiley, repairs on School-houses	$ 8 72
Moses Edwards, repairing School-house in Dist. No. 7	2 10
David Reed, repairs on School-houses, 1869	37 71
Samuel Wiley, repairs on School-house in Dist. No. 6	75 71
Samuel Wiley, insurance on School-house at Graniteville	91 00
A. B. Cutter, repairs on School-house in Dist. No. 4	3 40
Samuel Wiley, repairs on School-house in Dist. No. 8	500 00
Arthur Wright, repairs on School-house in Graniteville	7 55
Committee to build School-house in Dist. No. 2, ordered	1,800 00
Geo. B. Hildreth, work on School-house No. 4	1 80
Samuel Wiley, Repairs on School-house	32 86
	$2,560 85

SUMMARY.

Town officers	$ 238 00
Library	149 80
Incidental expenses	1,716 38
Roads and bridges	2,643 53
Overseers of the Poor	1,858 93
New School-house in District No. 2	1,800 00
Repairs of School-houses	760 85
State aid	656 00
Town House	9,296 08
Abatement of Taxes, 1869	40 50
" " 1870	27 81
Whole amount of orders	$19,187 88

J. HENRY READ,
WILLIAM REED,
ISAAC P. WOODS.
} Selectmen of Westford.

REPORTS OF BUILDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee chosen to let out and superintend the building of a Town House would respectfully submit the following report:

Received of the Town Treasurer		$9,296 08
Paid J. Lanktree, for stone work, grading, etc.	$ 598 10	
Mead, Mason & Co., for Carpenter work.	7,090 00	
William S. Brazer, for frescoing	275 00	
For fence posts, lumber, etc	23 10	
		$7,986 20
Paid for building brick safe	$425 58	
Furnace	240 00	
		665 58
Cash in Committee's hands		644 30
		$9,296 08

CHARLES L. FLETCHER,
SAMUEL WILEY,
GEORGE DREW,
NATHAN S. HAMLIN,
EPHRAIM E. STEVENS,
} Building Committee.

WESTFORD, NOV. 1ST, 1870.

Your Committee submit the following report, for School-house in District No. 2:

For land of Samuel Taylor	$25 00
J. W. P. Abbot, for deed	1 50
Mr. Prescott, for stone	59 85
Asa Nutting, labor	20 00
Howe's bill for building School-house	1,122 00
For painting School-house	97 00
Seats	241 40
Amount carried forward	$1,566 75

Amount brought forward	$1,566 75
For Freight bill on seats	1 44
Mr. George Wright, for labor	15 00
S. Taylor, " "	12 00
E. E. Heywood, " "	33 00
E. Newcomb, " "	8 00
Building fence	55 00
T. H. Hamblet, expenses	49 00
J. M. Chamberlin, "	9 00
Stove and fixtures	27 00
Four settees, chairs, etc	23 81
	$1,800 00

T. H. HAMBLET,
E. E. HEYWOOD,
J. M. CHAMBERLIN,
} Committee to build School-house in District No. 2.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX ss., December 2nd, 1870.

Leonard Luce, Esq., Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, one hundred eighty-three dollars ($183.00) for Dog Licenses, as per his account of 1st instant.

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

LIST OF LICENSED DOG-OWNERS FOR 1870.

Joseph Duren,
Samuel Burnett,
Samuel A. Hamlin,
James Kelley,
William O. Patten,
William Thurston,
Sherman H. Fletcher,
Almon Waldo, 3 dogs,
Nathaniel Sweetser,
Daniel Holdsworth,
George Fletcher,
George H. Fletcher,
Joseph W. Keyes,
Isaac E. Day,
A. W. Cummings,
Edward A. Moore,
Joseph F. Prescott,
Alvin Fisher,
Isaac W. Carkin,
William Whitney,
Sydney D. Whitney,
Patrick Wall,
William C. Edwards,
Wilford G. Blodgett,
John Banister,
Charles W. McClenna,
Arthur Wright,
Levi T. Fletcher,
William Reed,
True A. Bean,
John Conley,
John Lofthouse,
Walter E. Burnham,
Patrick McEllicott,
John Wm. Abbot,
Henry A. Hildreth,
John W. Cummings,
Charlie Hamlin,
George S. Frederick,
John Hutchins, Jr.,
G. W. Hunt.
Jeptha Wright,
James Daley,
Salmon Perry,
Michael Murphy,
James O'Brien,
Luther Prescott,
Cornelius O'Brien,
Charles F. Shaw,
Robert J. Taylor,
Andrew Fletcher,
Amos Heywood,
Asa Seymour,
John Morrison,
Michael O'Brien,
Nelson Prescott,
Luke L. Fletcher,
Merrick Reed,
Ellery C. Wright,
James A. Hosley,
Asia Nutting,
Martin Wright,
George Hutchins,
J. Henry Read,
John Felch,
Frank Banister,
Fred. W. Fillebrown,
Lyman A. Smith,
Horace Pratt,
C. H. Spalding,
Calvin W. Spalding,
Walter H. Cummings,
Charles G. Sargent,
Samuel Fletcher,
Daniel Casey,
C. F. Skinner,
B. V. Lyon,
John Lynch,
Mike Conley,
D. Brinkerhoff,
Erastus Wright,
Mrs. Mike Murphy,
James Morrison,
Thaddeus A. Blodgett,
John Greig,
John T. Butterworth,
Oren A. Giles,
Frank A. Fletcher.

L. LUCE, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office, for the Year 1870.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 9th, Mary Louise Kneeland, child of William A. and Mary (Proctor) Kneeland.
" 23d, Lizzie M. Felch, child of John P. and Ann M. (Kendall) Felch. Born in Tyngsboro'.
Feb. 1st, John F. Wall, child of Patrick and Alice (Lynch) Wall.
" 12th, Mary Luella Hutchins, child of Henry Milo and Marietta (Chamberlin) Hutchins.
" 20th, Ellen Frances Lackey, child of J. Hudson and Ellen A. (Reed) Lackey.
" 21st, Helen Jeanette Shepard, child of William S. and Mary Alice (Hurlburt) Shepard.
March 3rd, Hannah Josie Shean, child of Andrew and Catherine (Daley) Shean.
" 26th, Lucy Kebler Abbot, child of John William and Elizabeth R. (Southwick) Abbot.
April 1st, Herbert Octa Danforth, child of Walter and Sarah J. (Briggs) Danforth. Born in Leominster.
" 2nd, Gertude Drummond, child of George and Elizabeth (Wilson) Drummond.
" 5th, Elmer C. Nutting, child of Benjamin F. and Josephine (Nichols) Nutting.
" 10th, Minnie Almira Bussey, child of Peter and Kate (Furnivall) Bussey.
" 17th, George Franklin Boutilier, child of George and Jane (Hutt) Boutilier. Born in Nashua.
" 25th, Catherine Casey, child of Daniel and Margaret (McCarty) Casey.
May 7th, Louisa Bertha Sargent, child of Frederick G. and Hepsie (Craven) Sargent.
" 31st, Joseph McCarty, child of Dennis and Ellen McCarty.
June 5th, Mary Mack, child of Michael and Ann (Conley) Mack.
" 7th, Joseph Clements, child of John and Mary (Peabody) Clements.
" 9th, Agnes Danforth Balch, child of Wayland F. and Sarah F. (Richardson) Balch.
" 11th, Fannie Louise Howe, child of Adonijah W. and Martha D. (Butterfield) Howe.
" 29th, Edward Bishop, child of Charlotte Augusta Bishop.
" 30th, Lucy Evelyn Whitney, child of Joseph and Mary (Reed) Whitney. Born in Littleton.
July 13th, Joseph Adelbert Dane, child of Joseph and Emma J. (Atwood) Dane.
Aug. 4th, Eugene H. Simpson, child of James and Margaret (Sullivan) Simpson.
" 11th, Annie Elizabeth Wilson, child of John and Elizabeth (Scott) Wilson.
" 16th, Andrew Pierson Howes, child of Richard S. and Jennie (Pierson) Howes.
" 17th, Miranda Normandie, child of Joseph and Bitronile Normandie.
" 18th, Mary L. Lucier, child of Joseph and Margaret Lucier.
" 19th, Mary Frances Coburn, child of George E. and Ellen A. (Davenport) Coburn.
" 23rd, Lilly Brinnell, child of Peter and Angeline (Bosworth) Brinnell.
Sept. 1st, Melissa Augusta Anderson, child of Frank E. and Henrietta (Temple) Anderson.
" 6th, Leon Wells, child of Gideon and Rosa (Brinnell) Wells.
" 9th, Crawford E. Prescott, child of Luther and Sarah (Daniels) Prescott.
Oct. 5th, Nelson Leygess, child of Lewis and Josephine Leygess.
" 9th, Rachel Anginette Bicknell, child of Loami and Maria A. (Pollard) Bicknell.
" 17th, Eliza Capen Fisher, child of Alvin and Amanda (Tower) Fisher.
" 27th, Almanda Myers, child of Henry and Philome (Cobere) Myers.
Nov. 1st, Willie Kelley, child of John and Ellen Kelley.

Nov. 4th, Samuel R. Clapper, child of Clark C. and Alice (Lord) Clapper.
" 8th, Mary F. Spaulding, child of Charles H. and Sarah E. (Richardson) Spaulding.
" 24th, George Whoyt, child of Nelson and ——— Whoyt.
Dec. 8th, Clarence Gilmer Stone, child of Gilmer and E. Maria (Leighton) Stone.
" 19th, Addie Stewart Coolidge, child of Joseph M. and Laura Jeanette Coolidge.
" 20th, Irving Lyman Hutchinson, child of Francis and Sarah (Temple) Hutchinson.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 20th, Martin Wright, of Westford, and Delia (Curtis) Colson, of Lowell.
Feb. 22nd, Samuel N. Burbeck, of Westford, and Sarah (Merrill) Holmes, of Lowell.
" 22nd, Samuel Austin Prescott, of Westford, and Frances A. Ames, of Groton.
" Edward Holt, of Westford, and Margaret Riley, of Lowell.
March 31st, Lorenzo Sweetser, of Westford, and Mary Maria Spaulding, of Chelmsford.
April 9th, Frank Fifield, of Lowell, and Abbie M. Cummings, of Westford.
" 19th, Cyrus Hosmer, of Westford, and Lucy M. Farrington, of Lowell.
" 21st, Leonard S. Searles, of Townsend, and Mary J. Bicknell, of Westford.
" 28th, Augustus Bunce, of Westford, and Emily W. Loker, of Acton.
May 26th, William N. Hannaford, of Lowell, and Mary A. Taylor, of Westford.
June 15th, William C. Edwards, of Westford, and Louisa Lee, of Chelmsford.
July 3rd, Luther B. Blanchard, of Westford, and Mary Louisa Everett, of Westford.
" 2nd, Franklin Craig, of Westford, and Sarah F. Holden, of Shirley.
" 18th, Rev. George H. Young, of Westford, and Abbie B. Southwick, of Boston.
Aug. 7th, Charles H. Parker, of Westford, and Harriet S. Gates, of Westford.
Sept. 10th, Levi S. Gilson, of Westford, and Annie F. Ingalls, of Westford.
Oct. 8th, Edmund Barton, of Westford, and Sarah P. Stevens, of Westford.
" 20th, Owen R. Hole, of Lowell, and Mary A. Colson, of Lowell.
" 27th, Warren Chandler, of Westford, and Frances H. Ingalls, of Tyngsboro'.
Nov. 12th, Albert W. Frederick, of Westford, and Augusta Davis, of Lowell.
" " James Morrill, of Westford, and Elvira E. Webster, of Andover.
Dec. 25th, Charles F. Shaw, of Westford, and Henrietta Carter, of Westford.

DEATHS.

	Y.	M.	D.
Jan. 13th, Sarah J. (Wright) Cummings,	36	2	15
" 22nd, James M. Parker,	41	4	17
" 23rd, Rufus D. Spaulding,	44	7	6
" 28th, William Mears,	79	4	13
Feb. Sylvanus Prescott,	74	7	
" 27th, Mrs. John Ingalls,	Age not known.		
March 2nd, Mary (Handley) Reed,	75	7	2
April 19th, Mary (Page) Tuttle,	37	0	21
" 25th, Rhoda (Proctor) Chandler,	72	2	26
" 28th, Charlotte Woods,	67		
May 2nd, Jonas Prescott,	60	1	
June 8th, George Fletcher,	72	11	25
" 13th, William Dinsmore,	69		
" 14th, Ella Gertude Hildreth,	22	5	5
" 20th, Emma Frances Drew,	2	6	28
" 25th, Michael Murphy,	21		
" 29th, Andrew J. Brigham,	34	1	6
July 21st, Rev. Ephraim Abbot,	90	9	23
" 23rd, Mrs. Rufus D. Spaulding,	36	6	5
Aug. 15th, Jimmie Conley,	1	3	13
" 17th, George Henry Fletcher,	41	6	20
" 19th, Josie Keesey,	15	8	
" 23rd, Susan B. Winch,	60	1	4
" William Rowland Babcock, brought to Westford for burial.			
Sept. 2nd, Lilla Adella Wright,	15	9	21
" 18th, Mary Annie Wright,	1	3	4
" 11th, Rufus Bolles,	73	3	8
October 16th, Eunice (Wheeler) Prescott,	88	7	0
" 22nd, Asia Hamlin,	90	5	11
November 15th, Michael J. Murphy,	55		
" 16th, Hannah (Crawford) Cummings,	90	6	13
" 23rd, Rebecca L. Davis,	86	2	23
December 10th, Samuel Blodgett,	66	3	10

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the support of the poor, for the year ending February 6th, 1871:

Amount of personal property at the Almshouse, including tools, stock, etc., as by appraisal of the Committee:

January 31st, 1870	$2,474 41
February 6th, 1871	2,552 86
Gain on personal property	$78 45

INCOME FROM THE FARM AS BY J. R. BAGLEY'S BOOK.

Received for Milk	$520 52	
Potatoes	15 20	
Shoats	23 19	
Calves	41 25	
Labor off the Farm	22 75	
Poultry	11 50	
Apples	38 00	
Cider	4 90	
Fresh Pork	4 16	
Keeping Pedlar	15 00	
Eggs	93	
Keeping Prisoner	2 00	
Four Cows	158 00	
Rags	3 00	
Old Iron	2 00	
Cabbages	1 00	
Oats	2 80	
Board and clothing for Amos Hildreth	71 75	
		$937 95

BILLS PAID.

Paid for Oil meal and shorts	$26 73
Hay	74 70
Hose for inmates	1 20
Collars for the Peckins boys	50
Gloves	25
Amount carried forward	$103 38

Amount brought forward		$103 38
Paid for	Curtain cord and tacks	67
	Washing Machine	45
	Screen cloth	20
	Caps for boys	2 30
	Rakes	2 00
	Cabbage plants	35
	Stove, stoveback and grate	11 00
	Plough points	1 50
	Brush	75
	Turkey	2 00
	Stovepipe and damper	2 30
	Freight	1 40
	Screws	85
	Making cider	4 12
	Door handle	40
	Candlesticks	65
	Threshing oats	9 05
	Cane for chair-seats	75
	Chopping sausage meat	33
	School books	2 65
	Butter	44 28
	Jas. Wood, for damage done by cattle,	5 00
	Labor	107 45
	Work harness	6 50
	Tubes for chains	1 71
	Apple-parer	1 00
	Repairing cart wheel	4 00
	Repairing mowing machine	8 05
	Horse collar	4 15
	Dung hook	1 00
	Phosphate of lime	16 67
	Soap and barrel	11 68
	Use of bull	5 00
	Flour barrels	11 54
	Mending boots and shoes	1 85
	Blacksmithing	21 35
	Car fare for the Peckins boys	3 50
	Bed quilt	2 00
	D. A. Dow, for medical attendance on the inmates of the Almshouse	105 13
	J. B. Fletcher & Son, for groceries	145 90
	Wright & Co., " "	245 57
	E. Carter, " "	52 76
	S. D. Fletcher " "	30 71
	Hiram Parker, for medical attendance on Joseph Leland	8 50
	G. T. Day, for pasturing two cows	24 00
Amount carried forward		$1,016 40

Amount brought forward	$1,016 40	
Paid for E. A. Stevens, for carpenter work	32 25	
Two cows	80 00	
Expense to Boston with Nolans child,	4 90	
Harness	34 00	
Shingles, boards, nails, etc	60 26	
Mending boots and shoes	2 25	
I. E. Day, for meat	22 81	
W. S. Comey, for meat	102 40	
Medicine	29 67	
Dress goods for the children	3 69	
Expense of Mr. Tidd in going to see his daughter	2 25	
Fresh fish	20 89	
Groceries	78 40	
Crackers	10 32	
Meal and grinding	75 00	
Pigs	15 40	
Cradle and chair	3 25	
Horse blanket	3 00	
Filing saw	90	
Sundries bought of pedlar	12 00	
John L. Morrell, for services as Master of the Almshouse from April 1st, 1869, to April 1st, 1870	400 00	
		$2,010 04
From which deduct proceeds sold from farm	$937 95	
Milk bill unpaid, February 1st, 1871	57 27	
Cash on hand	34 96	
Gain on personal property	78 45	
		$1,108 63

Leaves $901.41 as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Almshouse.

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid W. A. Webster, for medical attendance on Mrs. Chipman	$22 00
W. A. Webster, for medical attendance on Mrs. Farmer	17 50
Town of Ipswich, for the relief of Eunice Fletcher	72 76
Town of Randolph, for the relief of Jas. Kemp	5 00
Paid Mrs. R. Allen, for nursing Mrs. Chipman,	7 93
Wm. Kneeland, for necessaries furnished Mrs. Chipman	17 00
Amount carried forward	$142 19

Amount brought forward.....	$142 19	
Treasurer of Worcester Lunatic Asylum, for board of Alden H. Woodward..	208 55	
Treasurer of Lunatic Asylum at Taunton, for the board of R. Keyes.....	249 55	
For the relief of Mrs. Farmer.....	21 00	
D. A. Dow, for surgical operation on Frank Fought.....	7 00	
Express bill.....	65	
Abiel C. Adams, for taking care of Elizabeth Adams.....	15 00	
Town of Westminster, for the relief of Artemas Peckins' family.....	9 79	
Mrs. L. P. Hammond, for taking care of Andrew Stevens.....	15 00	
For the relief of S. Hoyle's family.....	88 50	
D. A. Dow, for medical attendance on Andrew Stevens.....	12 00	
For the relief of Wm. Reed's family...	4 51	
Alfred Hackett, for clothing for the Peckins boys.....	10 00	
Jacob Smith, for time and expense in going to see about Mrs. Chipman...	1 00	
For going to Londonderry about hiring Master for the Almshouse.....	6 00	
Oren Coolidge, for time and expense in going to Hudson to see about Joel Cummings.....	8 25	
For going to Lowell to buy a harness...	1 00	
For time and expense in going to Westminster to see about the Peckins family and remove the boys to the Almshouse.....	5 05	
Services as Overseer.....	10 00	
E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Chelmsford after Elizabeth Adams	2 00	
Time and expense in going to Lowell about tbe Hoyle family.....	1 50	
For making report to Board of State Charities.....	5 00	
For making report to the Town.....	5 00	
For Stationery and postage stamps.....	1 00	
For services as Overseer of the Poor...	10 00	
I. E. Day, for time and expense in going to Lowell five times about S. Hoyle's family.....	3 00	
For going to Chelmsford to see about Levi Felton's residence.....	2 00	
For services as Overseer of the Poor...	10 00	
		$854 54

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM,

For the Year ending February 6th, 1871.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer.....	$1,858 93	
Town of Chelmsford for the relief of A. Stevens	27 00	
Town of Bedford for the relief of A. Bishop.	2 00	
Commonwealth	69 19	
Cash on hand at last settlement.....	23 57	
		$1,980 69
Milk bill due February 1st, 1871.....	$57 27	
Cash on hand.....	34 96	
		92 23
Cost of supporting the Poor exclusive of interest on the Farm.....		$1,888 46

Number of persons supported in the Almshouse the past year, 20; average number, 8. The number assisted, out of the Almshouse, 16. The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging, 69.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ISAAC E. DAY,
OREN COOLIDGE, Jr.,
} Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM, WESTFORD, FEB. 6th, 1871.

1 Horse, $77.50; 1 yoke of Oxen, 245; 9 Cows, 450; 8 tons of English Hay, 224; 4½ tons of Stock Hay, 90; 1½ tons of Meadow Hay, 20; 1 ton Corn Stalks, 13; 2 tons of Oat Straw, 32; 250 lbs. of Shorts, 3.75; 200 lbs. of Rice Meal, 3.20; 65 bushels of Corn, 32.50; 68 bushels of Oats, 48.60; 1 Corn Sheller, 4; 1 Farm Mill, 4; 2 Hay Cutters, 12; 1 Mowing Machine, 95; 27 Fowls, 20.75; 1 Grindstone, 3; 1 Set of Measures, 50 cts.; 8 Hay Forks, 3; 5 Hay Rakes, 1; 1 Flail, 50 cts.; 6 Iron Bars, 5.50; 2 Harrows and 1 Cultivator, 5; 3 Plows, 11; 4 Manure Forks and 2 Hooks, 6; 5 Shovels and 2 Spades, 3.50; 6 Chains, 3.60; 14 Tie Chains, 2.50; 1 Hay Knife, 1; 4 Hoes and 1 Pick-axe, 2.50; 1 Ox Yoke, 1; 2 Harnesses, 40; 1 Draw Harness, 7; 1 String of Bells, 25 cts.; 4 Ladders, 4.70; 1 Hay Wagon, 25; 2 Ox Carts and Hay rigging, 90; 1 Horse Wagon, 47.50; 1 Wheelbarrow, 3.50; 1 Ox Sled, 6; 1 Sleigh, 7; 1 Horse Sled, 2; 2 Swine, 41.25; 8 Meal Boxes, 1; Lot of Brick, 1; 1 Cow and Dinner Bell, 1.25; 6 Axes and 2 Hatchets, 6.75; 1 Grain Cradle, 1; Set of Carpenter's Tools, 25; 4 bushels of White Beans, 12; ¼ bushel of Colored Beans, 75 cts.; 1 Watering Trough, 2; 5 Sickles, 75 cts.; 5

Scythes and 5 Snathes, 6; 1 Beetle and Rings, and 3 Wedges, 1; 2 Drag Rakes, 1.75; 1 Cranberry Rake, 1.25; 1 Hand Saw and 4 Wood Saws, 2.75; 1 Steel Trap, 1; 3 Meal and 2 Salt Bags, 1; 2 bushel, 1 two bushel and 6 peck Baskets, 2.50; 1 pair of Ox Muzzles, 50 cts.; 380 lbs. of Salt Pork, 76; 270 lbs. of Bacon, 48.68; 55 lbs. of Lard, 11; 50 lbs. of Salt Beef, 7; 40 lbs. of Fresh Beef, 3.80; 8 lbs. of Tallow, 80 cts.; 50 bushels of Potatoes, 62.50; 50 bushels of small Potatoes, 25; 7 bushels of Turnips, 7; 14 gallons of Soap, 2.20; 4 Meat Barrels, 4; 1 Soap Barrel, 1; 6 Cider Barrels, 6; 6 barrels of Cider, 30; 3 barrels of Apples, 7.50; 10 gallons of Pickles, 4; 30 Flour Barrels, 6; 68 Milk Pans, 18; 10 Tin Pails, 3; 6 Wooden Pails, 2.50; 1 Clothes Wringer, 7; 12 lbs. Butter, 5.04; 4 gallons of Molasses, 2; ¼ barrel of Flour, 2; 2 quarts of Oil, 20 cts.; 1 quart of Sperm Oil, 50 cts.; 1¼ lbs. of Tea, 1.56; Lot of Knives, Forks and Spoons, 3; 15 Bread Tins, 2.50; 5 Firkins and Buckets, 1.70; 1 Copper Kettle, 1.85; 4 Tubs and 2 Washing Machines, 9.50; 1 Churn, 4; 1 Meat Hook and 2 Wrenches and Hammers, 2; 4 Butter Boxes and Wooden Bowls, 2 25; 1 lot of Tin Ware, 10; 1 Coffee Mill and 2 Apple Parers, 1.50; 9 Spice Boxes and Spice, 2.58; 1 Butter Worker, 75 cts.; 1 Cooking Stove, 82; 1 Franklin Stove, 2.25; 5 Stoves and Pipes, 25; 2 Clocks, 5.50; 11 Tables, 8.75; Lot of Crockery, 6; 2 Brooms and 4 Brushes, 3.75; 1 Clothes Horse, 50 cts.; 1 pair of Steelyards, 75 cts.; 4 sets of Shovels and Tongs, 1.75; 4 Candlesticks, 30 cts.; 4 Lamps and 4 Tumblers, 1.50; 9 Jugs and 3 Jars, 3.75; 23 Chests, 11; 4 Trunks, 2; 6 Cases of Drawers, 2.50; 13 Beds and Bedsteads, 70.71; Bed Clothing, 100; 26 Chairs, 6; 3 Rocking Chairs, 2.25; 5 Table Cloths and 10 Towels, 3.50; Old Clothing, 2; 15 Window Curtains, 3.75; 2 Clothes Baskets and Lines, 1.50; Brown Earthen Ware, 1; 1 Looking Glass, 25 cts.; Lot of Iron Ware, 7.50; 6 Flat Irons, 1.50; 3 Butter Moulds, 75 cts; Dried Apples, 7.98; 20 lbs. of Sugar, 2.80; 14 lbs. of Brown Sugar, 1.86; 5 lbs. of Coffee, 75 cts.; 3 dozen of Eggs, 1.14; 1 bushel of Salt, 55 cts.; 1 Rifle, 2; 2 Watches, 5; 1 Gold Necklace, 5; 4 Saw Horses, 1.50; 1 Horse Rake, 2; 1 Ash Shovel, 50 cts.; Hand Cuffs and Fetters, 2; 1 Mouse Trap, 25 cts.; 1 bushel of Meal, 95 cts.; 1 Garden Rake, 25 cts.; 1 lb. of Hops, 50 cts.; 9 Chambers, 2.25; 1 Blanket and Surcingle, 2.50; 1 pair of Shafts and Axle, 2; 4 large Tubs, 1; 1 Lantern, 1; 50 lbs. of Old Iron, 50 cts.; 6 yards of Bed Ticking, 1.50; 7 yards of Cotton Cloth, 1.05; 3 yards of Jean, 1.05; 23 yards of Calico, 2.30; 1 lb. Yarn, 1.50; 2 Washboards and 2 Mop-handles, 1; 10 bottles of Porter, 4.20.

Amount of personal property at Poor Farm, Feb. 6, 1871,	$2,552 86
" " " " " Feb., 1870,	2,474 41
Gain.....	$78 45

A. W. CUMMINGS,
DANIEL FLAGG,
OLIVER WOODARD, } Committee.

Town House — Westford

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1872.

LAWRENCE:
PRINTED AT LAWRENCE SENTINEL OFFICE.
1872.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1871.

TOWN CLERK—WINTHROP WHEELER.

SELECTMEN,

ISAAC P. WOODS, WILLIAM REED,
GEO. W. HEYWOOD.

ASSESSORS,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

ORIN COOLEDGE, JR., HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS,
A. W. CUMMINGS.

TOWN TREASURER—SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WM. A. WEBSTER,
GEO. F. SNOW,
J. HENRY REED,
HIRAM DANE,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
OLIVER WOODWARD,
EDWIN GOULD,
GEO. SHURBURN,
WILLIAM VOSE,
ASAPH B. CUTTER,
J. M. CHAMBERLIN,
AUGUSTUS BUNCE.

COLLECTOR—ASA HILDRETH.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM,

HENRY HILDRETH, GEO. LAWS, EDWIN GOULD.

CONSTABLES,

ISAAC E. DAY, EDWARD PRESCOTT,
SAMUEL WILEY, FARNSWORTH SHATTUCK.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

CHARLES O. WHITMAN, MISS AMANDA M. HALE,
MISS SARAH H. HEYWOOD.

LIBRARIAN—T. A. BEAN.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS (IN DISTRICTS.)

No. 1—JOSEPH WILKINSON,
" 2—THOMAS HORAN,
" 3—GEO. B. DUPEE,
" 4—OLIVER WOODWARD,
" 5—JOHN F. BANISTER,
" 6—GEO. KEYES,
" 7—ALFRED BLOOD,
" 8—E. A. STEVENS,
" 9—A. W. CUMMINGS,
No. 10—WAYLAND F. BALCH,
" 11—ISAAC G. MINOT,
" 12—THOMAS DREW,
" 13—ALLEN G. SMITH,
" 14—EDWIN A. GATES,
" 15—HENRY M. HUTCHINS,
" 16—ASAPH B. CUTTER,
" 17—STEPH. E. HUTCHINS,
" 18—EDWIN E. HEYWOOD.

WEIGHERS OF HAY.

JOHN B. FLETCHER,
N. H. WRIGHT,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,
S. A. HAMLIN.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, FEB. 13, 1872.

The Committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$1,215 42
Cash borrowed,	6,000 00
Corporation tax, 1871, in part,	1,262 83
Soldiers' families State aid returned, 1870, in part,	600 00
National Bank tax, 1871,	834 91
Dog license tax from County Treasurer, 1870,	153 72
" " " 1871,	147 42
Rents for use of Town House, received of T. A. Bean, 1871,	90 05
State School Fund, 1871,	173 63
Otis Keyes, school house No. 9,	40 00
Edwin A. Gates, ex-Treasurer school district No. 5, money appraised 1869,	40 10
Jos. E. Wright, No. 4, money appraised 1869,	4 61
Jacob Smith, No. 4, " " "	9 50
John B. Fletcher, old brick,	2 25
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1870,	240 00
" " " before Oct. 6th, 1871,	8,193 54
" " " " Dec. 6th, "	1,536 48
" " " after " " "	3,382 79
	$23,927 25

PAYMENTS.

Albert P. Richardson, note and interest,	$204 33	
Asaph B. Cutter, " " "	206 43	
George W. Heywood, " " "	262 00	
Alpheus J. Reed, " " "	206 18	
Interest on Notes,	982 46	
State Tax, 1871,	2,500 00	
County Tax, 1871,	1,058 46	
Overseers of the Poor on orders,	1,535 00	
Orders drawn, 1871 and 1872,	11,370 68	
Schools,	2,995 15	
Balance Cash in Treasurer's hands,	2,606 56	
		$23,927 25

The Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following Persons and Institutions on notes and other claims, to wit:

John Cutter,	$700 00	
Sally B. Cummings,	300 00	
Betsy K. Groce,	500 00	
Mechanics' Savings Bank,	9,800 00	
Daniel Flagg,	450 00	
William Reed, 1st,	2,500 00	
N. H. Wright,	1,200 00	
Eli Tower,	600 00	
John Lanktree,	450 00	
A. J. Reed,	200 00	
Westford M. F. Ins. Co.,	500 00	
Ira Leland,	300 00	
Daniel Falls,	200 00	
Elizabeth C. Heywood,	1.000 00	
Alson Tuttle,	2,000 00	
Amount carried forward,		$20,700 00

Amount brought forward,		$20,700 00
Interest due on above notes,	$601 97	
Balance for appropriation for schools unexpended,	1,634 32	
Due for land taken for Town House,	450 00	
Due for land taken for School House No. 9,	100 00	
		$23,486 29

RESOURCES.

Due balance of State Aid, 1870,	56 00	
" " " " 1871,	662 00	
" Corporation Tax, 1871,	16 44	
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1870,	25 00	
" " " 1871,	299 80	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	2,606 56	
		$3,665 80
		$19,820 49
Balance against the Town, Feb. 11th, 1871,		$15,919 59
" " " " " 13th, 1872,		19,820 49
Increase of Liabilities,		$3,900 90

J. W. P. ABBOTT,
NATHAN S. HAMBLIN, } Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

To S. D. Fletcher, Treasurer's salary, year ending March 1, 1871,	$50 00	
For Entertainment Committee to settle with Treasurer,	4 00	
For time and expense, paying State and County Taxes, Collecting Corporation Tax and State Aid,	6 00	
For time and expense, two journeys to Lowell, Insuring Town House,	3 00	
		$63 00
To Leonard Luce, Town Clerk, Salary year ending March 1, 1871,	$12 00	
For Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, as approved by Secretary of State, Certificate,	$23 20	
Paid to Undertakers and others for Returns, 36 Deaths at 10 cts. each,	3 60	
For Births not before recorded,	1 50	
For Records furnished for the Town Reports two years,	4 00	
For Clerks' meeting at Tyngsboro' and expenses,	3 00	
Town Business at Lowell and expenses,	1 50	
Express, Postage, Stationery, &c.,	6 00	
Amount carried forward,		$117 80

Amount brought forward,		$117 80
To Isaac P. Woods, services as Selectman, 1871,	$5 00	
Making Town Report, State Aid, Road Warrants and Warrant to Constable,	20 00	
Time and Expense going to Concord to meet County Commissioners,	5 00	
Extra time and expense on Town Business,	30 00	
		$60 00
William Reed, Services as Selectman, 1871,	$5 00	
Time and expense going to Acton to meet County Commissioners at two different times,	10 00	
Extra time and expense on Town Business,	30 00	
		$45 00
George W. Heywood, Services as Selectman, 1871,	$5 00	
To moving Library,	4 00	
Going to Acton three times to meet County Commissioners,	10 00	
Seven days extra time on Town Business,	21 00	
		$40 00
		$262 80

LIBRARY.

To Amanda M. Hale, Librarian, during year ending March 1, 1871,	$50 00	
T A. Bean, Librarian on acc't, year ending April 1, 1872,	37 67	
For one Ledger for Library,	3 75	
Directors of Town Library for Books,	200 00	
		$291 42

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

To Charles L. Fletcher, Committee on Town House,	$5 00	
Going to Lowell eight times,	20 00	
Time and Services,	21 00	
		$46 00
George Drew, Committee on Town House, time and services,		$30 50
E. A. Stevens, Committee on Town House, time and expenses,		29 95
N. S. Hamlin, Committee on Town House, time and cash paid out,		19 75
Sam'l Wiley, Committee on Town House, services as Committee,	15 00	
Time and expenses as per bills on file,	111 85	
		$126 85
Committee to furnish Town House,		$200 00
K. A. Wright, lnmber and work about Town House,	17 85	
Lumber and work on Library Shelves,	42 25	
		$60 10
Luther W. Blodgett, lumber for Library Shelves,		17 00
Brown & Carter, painting Tablet at Town House,		14 00
Wright & Co., six Spittoons for Town House,	2 70	
Wright & Co., six Spittoons for Town House,	2 00	
Wright & Co., articles furnished for School House, Dist. No. 10,	3 42	
		$8 12
T. Costello & Co., Stove Pipe, &c., for Town House,		$27 44
Amount carried forward,		$579 71

Amount brought forward,		$579 71
To T. A. Bean, work on Shelves for Library,		18 88
Asaph B. Cutter, eighteen days taking Invoice and assessing Taxes for 1871,		54 00
Edward Prescott, 26 days time copying Valuation and Taxes for 1870, for State Tax Commissioners and taking Invoice and making Taxes 1871,		78 00
Henry Chamberlain, 16 days taking Invoice and making Taxes for 1871,		48 00
Union Society, use of Bell, 1871,		7 50
Fiske & Spalding, four large Vel. Brackets for Town House,		15 00
F. S. Wilson, 3-4 days work on Town House windows,		2 44
O. F. Osgood, Insurance on Town House,		$200 00
Wm. A. Webster, services Supt. School Committee, to March 1, 1871,	36 00	
Geo. F. Snow, twenty-four days service as School Committee,	33 00	
Mowing and general superintendance of East Burying Ground,	12 00	
Stone posts and repairs about Burying Ground,	8 00	
		$53 00
Leonard Luce, School Committee, 1870, forty-four visits,	33 00	
Making Report to Town and State,	4 00	
Use of Room and Lights,	3 00	
Examining Teachers and other Services,	8 00	
Books for Poor Children,	4 18	
		$52 18
Amount carried forward,		$1,144 71

Amount brought forward,		$1,144 71
To Leonard Luce, Town Clerk, Balance of Bill for term of service ending March, 1871,		7 00
Stone & Huse, printing 425 Town Reports,		46 25
Stone & Huse, print. 300 School Reports,		23 05
A. Morrison, printing fifty bills,	1 25	
" " " 900 Tax bills,	3 00	
" " " fifty Notices,	1 25	
		$5 50
Traders' & Mechanics' Insurance Co., Insurance on Town House,	$90 00	
Traders' & Mechanics' Insurance Co., Insurance on School Houses in Dists. Nos. 2, 3 and 8,	125 00	
		$215 00
Peoples' Fire Insurance Co., Insurance on School House and Shed in Dist. No. 9,		37 50
Oliver Woodward, Appraising property at Poor Farm,		6 00
John Lanktree four and three-fourths cords Oak Wood,	33 25	
John Lanktree, repairing Hearse,	1 70	
		$34 95
Sam'l Converse, repairing Hearse,		95 91
N. S. Hamlin, five tons of coal for Town House,		40 00
Lyman A. Smith, drawing five tons coal,		5 00
J. D. Warren, services as Auctioneer in letting out Road,		5 00
J. D. Warren, selling School Houses,		2 00
J. W. P. Abbott, three journeys to Tyngsboro', on the Bridge case,		12 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,679 87

Amount brought forward,		$1,679 87
To J. W. P. Abbott, going to East Cambridge, same case,		8 00
Jacob Smith, going to Tyngsboro' to meet County Commissioners three times,		15 00
Edward Prescott services as Constable in regard to Dog licenses,	7 50	
Posting Warrant for March meeting,	1 50	
Five Tax Books,	9 50	
Paid for rebinding four Books,	50	
Express,	15	
		$19 15
E. A. Stevens, hanging chandelier in Town Hall, screws, spikes, &c.,		5 05
Gilman J. Wright, time and expense in Sealing Weights and Measures,	9 00	
Moving Weights and Measures from Meeting House to Town House,	1 25	
		$10 25
W. H. Brown, Notices to prevent spread of Cattle disease,	1 50	
Thirteen Guide Boards, at $1 40,	18 20	
		$19 70
S. D. Fletcher, Articles for use at Town House, and for Town Officers,	$10 98	
Kerosene Oil and other things,	15 97	
Stationery, Oil, &c.,	5 80	
		$32 75
A. W. Cummings, Appraising Property at Poor Farm, in 1871,		4 00
Asa Nutting, work at North Burying Ground,		16 00
Wm. Kittredge, attending four funerals with Hearse, making three returns,		6 90
Amount carried forward,		$1,816 67

Amount brought forward,		$1,816 67
To School Dist. No. 1, Bal. due for Insurance,		$11 25
Rob't Woods, Attendance on diseased cattle of L. L. Fletcher,		8 00
Dr. D. A. Dow, visit and removal of Mrs. Brittan to Tewksbury Alms House,	$12 00	
Vaccinating persons at Forge Village,	3 00	
		$15 00
Dr. Wm. A. Webster, Vaccinating in School No. 4,	2 00	
Vaccinating persons at Forge Village,	5 50	
		$7 50
S. B. Simonds, Binding Library Books,		18 95
A. P. Bonney, Professional services for the year ending Jan. 1, 1872,		100 00
Luther Wilkins, Attending twenty-eight funerals with Hearse, at $1 65,	$46 20	
Returning twenty-five Deaths to Town Clerk.	2 50	
Taking Hearse to Lowell for repairs, and going after the same,	4 00	
		$52 70
T. A. Bean, services as Janitor at Town House,	$25 00	
Opening Town House forty-two times,	39 50	
Work on windows at Town House,	1 50	
Time and expense going to Lowell to get Library Books bound,	1 55	
Sawing four and three-fourths cords wood,	9 50	
		$77 05
Asa Hildreth, Collecting Taxes, 1871,	$88 34	
Asa Hildreth, Collecting Poll Taxes,	5 00	
		$93 34
Amount carried forward,		$2,200 46

Amount brought forward,		$2,200 46
To Boston & Lowell R. R. Co., Freight on Coal,		10 00
Sam'l Wiley, Kerosene Oil, Broom and Nails,	6 70	
Sam'l Wiley, Kerosene Oil,	5 70	
		$12 40
		$2,222 86

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Geo. Laws, Error in Taxes,	1863	95	
" " " " "	1864	1 21	
" " " " "	1865	1 50	
" " " " "	1866	1 50	
" " " " "	1867	1 74	
" " " " "	1868	3 84	
" " " " "	1869	4 14	
" " " " "	1870	4 00	
			$18 88
Jacob B. Smith, Tax abated,	1870	6 25	
" " " " "	1871	6 75	
			$13 00
B. O. Cummings, Error in Tax,	1870	1 88	
Joseph Coolidge, " " "	1871	2 00	
Patrick Driscoll, " " "	1871	2 00	
Ellick Gadett, " " "	1870	2 00	
M. B. Harrison, abated "	1871	5 74	
Felix Langtang, Error, " "	1870	2 00	
S. S. Clifford, " " "	1870	2 00	
P. G. Bates, " " "	1871	3 72	
Freeman Howe, " " "	1870	2 00	
Sidney L. Gilson, " " "	1870	2 00	
S. S. Gilson, " " "	1870	2 00	
			$27 34
Amount carried forward,			$59 22

Amount brought forward,		$59 22
Walter Danforth,	Error in Tax, 1870	2 00
Augustus Kemp,	" " " 1870	2 00
John O. Coolidge,	" " " 1870	2 00
W. White,	" " " 1870	2 00
Julius Writer,	" " " 1870	2 00
L. F. Wright,	" " " 1870	2 00
L. F. Wright,	" " " 1871	2 00
E. Nutting,	" " " 1871	2 00
Benj. Weeks,	" " " 1870	2 00
Wm. Weeks,	" " " 1870	2 00
Levi Myers,	" " " 1871	2 00
		$81 22

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Dist. No. 1,	Joseph Wilkerson,	60 00	
" " 2,	Thomas Horan,	67 00	
" " 3,	Geo. B. Dupee,	99 50	
" " 4,	Oliver Woodward.	61 20	
" " 5,	John F. Banister,	55 00	
" " 6,	Geo. Keyes,	66 00	
" " 7,	Alfred Blood,	83 60	
" " 8,	E. A. Stevens,	19 10	
" " 9,	A. W. Cummings,	60 40	
" " 10,	Wayland F. Balch,	54 80	
" " 11,	Isaac G. Minot,	60 00	
" " 12,	Thomas Drew,	55 63	
" " 13,	Allan G. Smith,	60 40	
" " 14,	Edwin A. Gates,	57 00	
" " 15,	Henry M. Hutchins,	60 85	
" " 16,	Asaph B. Cutter,	93 40	
" " 17,	Stephen E. Hutchins,	61 30	
" " 18,	Edwin E. Heywood,	60 60	
			$1,135 78

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To Luther Prescott, Land damage and Fencing New Road, Forge Village to Graniteville,	$467 00	
A. W. Cummings, Work on Road, sixty-four and one-half Days,	129 00	
Francis K. Proctor, Work on Road,	8 65	
John H. Blood, Drawing Railing and work on same for Sand Hill,	6 60	
J. Henry Read, 388 feet Chestnut Lumber for Sand Hill Railing,	9 70	
T. Keyes, Work on Road,	2 40	
Eli Tower, Work on Road near the House of W. Taylor,	2 80	
Chamberlin & Reed, Work on Road,	3 00	
Ira Leland, sixteen hours work on Road,	3 20	
		$632 35

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Committee to build School House, Forge Village, ordered,	$4,060 72
Committee to build School House, Dist. No. 9, ordered,	1,900 00
Repairs on School House, Dist. No. 1, ordered,	9 90
" " " " " " 4, "	1 00
" " " " " " 7, "	7 32
" " " " " " 8, "	27 50
" " " " " " 6, "	8 92
" " " " Graniteville, "	14 82
	$6,030 18

SUMMARY.

Town Officers,	262 80
Library,	291 42
Incidental Expenses,	2,222 93
Abatement of Taxes,	81 22
Roads and Bridges,	632 35
New School House, Dist. No. 9,	1,900 00
New School House, Forge Village,	4,060 72
Repairs on School Houses,	69 46
State Aid,	714 00
Overseers of the Poor,	1,535 00
Highway Surveyors,	1,135 78
Whole amount of orders drawn,	$12,905 68

ISAAC P. WOODS,
WILLIAM REED,
GEO. W. HEYWOOD, } Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEES.

The committee chosen to build the new school house at Forge Village, submit the following report:

Paid for Land,	300 00
Trenching and putting in Foundation and Piers,	74 68
Paid for Underpinning and Steps,	147 03
Paid W. G Howe, for building as per contract,	2,835 00
Paid for Brackets, Painting, Setting and Exp.,	47 99
Hard Finishing Inside,	52 00
Chimney Cap and Exp.,	6 75
Stock and Labor on Fence,	135 87
Foundation Stock and Labor on Wood shed,	119 30
Furniture, Freight, Labor and Expense of fitting up one Room,	342 10
	$4,060 72

ALFRED WOODBURY,
E. A. STEVENS, } Committee.

WESTFORD, Jan. 6, 1872.

WESTFORD, February 3, 1872.

The Committee chosen to build School house in District No. 9, submit the following Report :

Paid to Walter W. Wyman for building House and Fence,	1,239 36
Seats and Settees,	238 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,477 36

Amount brought forward,	$1,477 36
Painting School-house,	95 43
Jeptha Wright for Stone and Labor,	105 47
Stove and Fixtures,	42 95
Chairs, Mats and Hooks,	11 10
Erastus Wright, for Labor,	11 00
John Daly, for Labor,	3 00
Geo. E. Gould, for Labor,	12 00
Luther Prescott, for Contract,	3 00
Edwin Gould, for Labor and Expenses,	45 61
H. Cummings, for Labor and Expenses,	40 30
	$1,847 22
Cash remaining in Committees' hands,	52 78

JEPTHA WRIGHT,
HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS, } Committee.
EDWIN GOULD,

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., November 23, 1871.

Winthrop F. Wheeler, Esq., Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County one hundred sixty-two dollars ($162.00) for Dog Licenses, as per his account of 17th instant.

AMOS STONE,

County Treasurer.

LIST OF LICENSED DOG OWNERS FOR 1871.

Abbott, J. Wm.
Banister, J. F.
Banister, Frank
Bean, T. A.
Blodgett, W. G.
Blodgett, T. A.
Blodgett, L. W.
Brinkerhoff. D.
Burbeck, J. N.
Burnett, Joseph
Butterworth, J. T.
Callahan, J.
Conley, Michael
Conley, John
Cummings, A. W.
Cummings, J. W.
Daley, John
Day, I. E.
Decatur, Calvin
Dillings, James
Desmond, Jerry
Dow, Nellie
Duren, Joseph
Edwards, Wm. C.
Fiske, Allen
Fisher, Alvan
Fillebrown, F.
Fletcher, Varnum T.
Fletcher, Levi T.
Fletcher, Sherman H.
Fletcher, Luke L.
Fletcher, Samuel
Fletcher, Andrew
Frederic, G. S.
Giles, O. A.
Gould, Edwin
Greig, John
Hamlin, S. A.
Hamlin, Henry
Hackett, Alfred
Hildreth, H. A.
Holdsworth, D.
Hutchins, C. M.
Hutchins, George
Keys, Joseph
Lee, Wm.
Leland, Ira
McClenna, C. W.
Morrison, John
Murphy, M. A.
Murphy, Michael
Murray, Arthur
Nutting, Asia
O'Brien, Cornelius
O'Brien, James
Patten, Wm. O.
Pearson, Jane A.
Perry, Salmon
Pratt, Horace
Prescott, Joseph F.
Prescott, Nelson
Read, J. Henry
Read, B. Abbott
Read, Merrick
Seymour, Aristide
Skinner, C. F.
Sargent, C. G.
Spaulding, C. H.
Sweetzer, Nathaniel
Taylor, Robert J.
Thorning, A. W.
Thurston, Wm.
Waldo Almon, two dogs.
Ward, Daniel
Whitney, Wm. M.
Wright, Arthur
Wright, Erastus
Wright, Jeptha
Wright, Martin

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

RECORDED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 1871.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 2d, Margaret T. child of Martin and Julia (O'Hearne) McManux.
May 15th, 1870, Nellie May, child of William Augustus and Alice Augusta Harris.
——— 1870, Honora, child of Peter and Honora (McCarty) Crowley.
Jan. 13th, 1871, Gertrude Rebecca Fletcher, child of Samuel A. and Abbie (Tower Hamlin.
Jan. 22d, 1871, Wilmer John, child of John and Sarah E. (Nickless) Hutchins.
" 23d, " Augusta Georgianna, child of George and Ann Eliza (Hutchinson) Hutchins.
Jan. 27th, 1871, John P. child of Aristide and Zora (Parsenou) Seymour.
Feb. 11th, " Justin Ambrose, child of Jefferson and Nancy T. (Read) Wright.
" 24th, " Arthur Thaddeus, child of Thaddeus A. and Almira (Perham) Blodgett.
March 1st, " Violet, child of John and Martin (Barr) Bailey.
" 12th, " Livinla Soper, child of Wm. Henry and Belvidera (Soper) Folland.
" 20th, " Abbie Ino, child of Ward Augustus and Jennie E. (Smart) Coburn.
April 8th, " Sarah Annie, child of John T. and Katie E. (Gannon) Butterworth.
" 16th, " David, child of David and Maria (Griffith) Doody.
" 30th, " Abbie May, child of J. Henry and Mary (Falls) Read.
May 7th, " ——— child of George and Eliza (Mayhew) Eaton.
" 17th, " Maggie, child of John and Jeannette (Elder) Carmichael.
" 25th, " Harriet, child of Cornelius and Hattie (Donovan) O'Brien.
" 30th, " Charlie Walter, child of John H. and Nancy Ann (Wyman) Decatur.
June 15th, " Edgar Harvey, child of Alfred and Emma Amelia (Snow) Woodbury.
" 16th, " Mary Xena, child of Lewis and Mary (Brinnell) Lapere.
" 17th, " Freddie Erwin, child of Hiram and Sarah (Carr) Dane.
" 24th, " Pamily Maybell, child of Daniel and Dinah (Kirk) Irish.
July 3d, " Charles A., child of Levi S. and Annie F. (Ingalls) Gilson.
" 15th, " John A., child of Antoine and Josephine (Pudwan) Colomb.
" 28th, " Harrison E., child of Thomas G. and Augusta E. (Harris) Fillebrown.
Sept. 14th, " Mary Ella, child of Erastus and Sarah (Burns) Hubbard.
" 20th, " Oris Elwin, child of Orrin S. and Huldah C. (Campbell) Closson.
" 23d, " Helen Luella, child of Charles F. and Henrietta (Carter) Shaw.
Oct. 3d, " Katie, child of John and Hannah (Horan) Callahan.
" 10th, " Roy Blanchard, child of W. F. and Mary Jane (Russell) Wheeler.
" 13th, " Josephine, child of Edward and Mary (Vallard) Devise.
" 19th, " Melvin Peter, child of James and Elvira (Webster) Morrell.
" 19th, " Samuel Lewis, child of John P. and Ann Maria (Kendall) Felch.
" 23d, " George Edward, child of Geo. Warren and Annie (Irish) Hunt.
Nov. 5th, " Moses W., child of Samuel and Mary Abbot (Hill) Fletcher.
" 11th, " Herbert G., child of Geo. F. and Abbie J. (Cumings) Horn.
" 14th, " George Henry, child of Dennis and Abigail (Whelley) Burt.
" 17th, " Eli Tower, child of John and Adaline (Tower) Burbeck.

Dec. 12th, " ————, child of George H. and Abbie B. (Southwick) Young.
" 21st, " David Shepherd, child of Leonard T. and Mary C. (Currier) Faris.
" 23d, " ————, child of George Henry and Sophia C. (Carter) Prescott.
" 27th, " William H., child of Augustus W. and Agnes M. (McFarland) Thorning.
" 29th, " Jennie Florence, child of John and Elizabeth (Scott) Wilson.
Oct. 23d, " Isaac Adams, child of Timothy L. and Lydia S. (Gates) Griffin.
Dec. 17th, " Herman B., child of Hiram H. and Mary E. (Canney) Decatur.

MARRIAGES.

March 21st, Wm. W. Comey and Mary Jackson, both of Westford.
May 1st, Isaac Charon and Augustine Lasage, both of Westford.
July 2d, Leonard A. E. Walker and Mary A. Sherburne, both of Westford.
Sept. 3d, Nelson Lucier and Julia Abert, both of Westford.
" 27th, Geo. W. Wright, of Westford, and Carrie F. Bailey, of Westbrook, Me.
" 8th, Frederic W. Fillebrown and Clara A. Prescott, both of Westford.
Oct. 15th, Walter Wyman, of Tyngsboro', and Ida A. Blodgett, of Westford.
Nov. 18th, Samuel M. Hutchins, of Carlisle, and Ann L. Snow, of Westford.
" 26th, Joseph Vaunselette, of Grafton, and Amour Lamontee, of Westford.
" 26th, Gilman J. Wright and Harriet H. Hales, both of Westford.
" 30th, William Reed and Rachel W. (Leavitt) Beaman, both of Westford.
Dec. 12th, Loammi C. Bicknell and Jane Hutchinson, both of Westford.
" 13th, J. Henry Farrington and Mary E. Hildreth, both of Waltham.
" 13th, Edward Craven and Emily L. Irish, both of Westford.

DEATHS.

	Y.	M.	D.
Jan. 3d, Mary F. Spaulding,	—	1	25
" 9th, Walter Irving Davis,	10	5	14
" 15th, Mary Frances Sullivan,	9	2	14
" 31st, Clarence Gilmer Stone,	—	1	22
Feb. 6th, Benjamin F. Billings,	21	11	25
" 9th, Sarah (Bell) Page,	74	4	27
" 14th, James Bennie Holt,	1	4	27
" 15th, Elias B. Parker,	62	2	—
March 7th, Maria A. (Pollard) Bicknell,	30	5	11
" 9th, Honora S. Ritchie,	62	7	15
" 13th, Priscilla C. (Wright) Bunce,	67	4	18
" 18th, George A. Hull,	—	6	—
" 19th, Josiah Reed,	48	—	—
" 27th, Helen J. Shepard,	1	1	6
" 31st, Arabella Callahan,	17	7	—
" 31st, John Day,	65	10	17
April 3d, Andrew Flint,	18	—	—
" 4th, Lydia C. (Vose) Lamb,	60	6	26
" 24th, Louisa Bertha Sargent,	—	11	17
" 28th, Rachel Blood,	85	8	28

	Y.	M.	D
May 22d, Hannah Parker,	86	7	25
" 23d, Trueworthy Keyes,	65	10	—
" 30th, Sampson Prescott,	80	—	—
June 14th, David Scott,	24	—	18
" 24th, Abijah Read,	66	7	—
" 29th, Mary Tenney,	89	4	24
July 7th, Mary X. Lapere,	—	—	21
" 11th, Benjamin A. Read,	61	5	11
" 14th, Luther Read,	76	6	2
Aug. 4th, Salmon Perry,	76	—	—
" 23d, Charles A. Gilson,	—	1	20
" 25th, Silas Lawrence,	62	11	14
" 26th, Betsey Tufts,	62	11	14
Sept. 6th, Frank E. Caryl,	6	2	—
" 16th, Irwin S. Hutchinson,	—	9	—
" 21st, Beulah Farmer,	80	—	—
" 28th, Mary Rice,	81	—	—
Oct. 18th, Hannah Webber,	84	—	—
" 26th, John Conley,	52	—	—
" 31st, John T. Tuttle,	33	6	9
Nov. 23d, Joseph H. Prescott,	52	8	12
Dec. 21st, Moses W. Fletcher,	—	1	16
" 22d, John W. A. Greig,	4	10	—

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report, for the support of the poor, for the year ending February 8th, 1872:

Amount of personal property at the Almshouse, including tools, stock, etc., as by appraisal of the Committee:		
February 6th, 1871,		$2,552 86
" 8th, 1872,		3,121 25
Gain on personal property, including Wood, Lumber and Hoop Poles,		$568 39

INCOME FROM THE FARM AS BY J. R. BAGLEY'S BOOK.

Received for four Oxen,	$427 28	
One Cow,	30 69	
Calves,	87 00	
Milk,	505 08	
Board for Charles Nutting,	4 00	
Board and Nursing for James Toner,	20 00	
Oats,	17 37	
Labor off the Farm,	4 00	
Apples,	1 75	
Filling Beds,	7 00	
Keeping Prisoners,	2 25	
Grass,	50	
Potatoes,	24 25	
Beets,	1 50	
Poultry,	3 74	
Straw,	1 25	
Cabbages,	2 00	
Cowhide,	5 52	
Keeping Tin Peddler,	20 00	
		$1,165 18

BILLS PAID.

Paid for one Yoke Oxen,	$190 00	
Four Cows,	112 00	
Labor on the Farm,	93 20	
" in the House,	70 00	
D. A. Dow, for Medical attendance on the inmates of the Almshouse,	38 50	
W. A. Webster, for medical attendance on the inmates of the Almshouse,	42 38	
John Felch, for cutting forty cords wood,	40 00	
Eldridge Wright, for cutting hoop poles,	5 00	
J. B. Reed, for cutting hoop poles,	4 00	
Samuel Wiley, for shingles,	31 25	
Joseph Boshnan, for cutting thirty-two cords wood,	40 10	
N. B. Rollins, for coffin and robe for Mrs. Farmer,	13 00	
E. A. Stevens, for carpenter work and lumber, &c.,	28 25	
Pasturing one cow,	5 00	
Fresh fish,	23 69	
Fresh meat,	51 02	
Butter,	32 65	
Oil, meal and shorts,	38 64	
D. P. Lawrence, for groceries and meal,	156 35	
E. Carter, for groceries,	15 00	
S. D. Fletcher, "	4 20	
Wright & Co., "	42 35	
Chase, Raymond & Ayer, for groceries,	21 68	
Amount carried forward,		$1,098 26

Amount brought forward,		$1,098 26
Paid Wadleigh, Spur & Co., for groceries,	46 11	
Maynard and Sons, " "	47 25	
Brown, Chickering & Co., for groceries,	5 75	
J. B. Fletcher & Son, " "	13 22	
Heywood & Burbeck's Bill for 1870,	12 00	
Freight on groceries,	2 44	
Hard Soap,	5 76	
Cash paid for clothing, boots, shoes, &c.,	49 33	
Weighing hay,	1 02	
Filing saw, grinding corn,	8 62	
Table cloth,	1 25	
Seed corn,	1 00	
Whitewashing,	10 50	
Cabbage plants,	1 00	
Doctoring a cow,	5 00	
Soap,	4 50	
Kidder, for mason work,	2 00	
Freight on stove,	80	
Knives and forks,	50	
Crockery,	1 14	
Stocking yarn,	1 40	
Cord,	42	
Hoop iron,	50	
Lumber, &c., for wagon,	5 12	
Making cider,	1 26	
Stove pipe,	65	
Postage and paper,	10	
Butchering cow,	1 00	
Medicines,	25 66	
Groceries, crackers, meal, etc.,	98 12	
Farming tools, and repairs on the same,	34 49	
		$1,486 17

Amount brought forward,		$1,486 17
Paid for Lead and Oil,		7 16
Blacksmith's bill,		10 28
Car fare,		3 90
Stove, tubs and tin ware,		20 00
Repairing clock,		1 25
Tomato and cabbage plants,		1 50
S. Richardson,		2 00
Use of bull,		2 00
John R. Bagley for services as Master of Almshouse, from April 1st, 1870, to April 1st, 1871,		350 00
		$1,884 25
Loss on personal property exclusive of wood, lumber and hoop poles,		54 76
		$1,939 01
From which deduct proceeds sold from Farm,	1,165 18	
Milk bill due Feb. 1st, 1872,	32 62	
Due from Master of Almshouse, as by his Book,	135 17	
Cash in hands of Overseers,	17 54	
Due from Jacob Smith,	5 00	
Due from C. W. Spaulding,	2 50	
		$1,358 01
		$581 00

Leaves $581.00 as the cost of supporting the Poor inside of the Almshouse.

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Town of Randolph for the relief of James Kemp.	12 90
Town of Andover for the relief of J. C. Bostwick's family,	10 00
Town of Newton for the relief of Samuel Hildreth,	3 00
Town of Iwswich for the relief of Eunice Fletcher,	35 45
For the relief of S. Hoyel's family,	70 50
Treasurer of Worcester Lunatic Asylum, for board of Alden H. Woodward,	239 81
Treasurer of Taunton Lunatic Asylum, for board of Rufus Keyes,	212 55
Six Checks,	1 50
Orin Coolidge, Jr., for time and expense going to Andover to see about J. C. Bostwick's family,	3 00
For going to Boston to see about Ellen Murphy's settlement,	5 00
For going to Lowell four times to see about S. Hoyle's family,	4 50
For time and expense going to Worcester to see about Alden H. Woodward,	4 80
For time and expense going to Lowell to take counsel,	4 00
For going to Brighton to buy cows for Town Farm,	3 50
For making report to visiting agent Board State Charities,	2 50
For making report to the Town,	5 00
For making report to the State,	5 00
For time and expense going to Groton to see about Charlotte Palmer,	3 65
Amount carried forward,	$626 66

Amount brought forward,	$626 66
Paid for stationery and postage stamps,	2 00
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
A. W. Cummings for buying oxen for Town Farm,	3 50
For going to Lowell to see about S. Hoyle's family,	1 50
For keeping pauper,	1 00
For going to Brighton to buy cows for Town Farm,	3 50
For time and expense going to Newton to see about Samuel Hildreth and remove him to Almshouse,	7 50
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
	$665 66

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer,	$1,535 00	
Cash on hand at last settlement,	34 96	
Loss on personal property,	54 76	
		$1,624 72
Milk bill due,	$32 62	
Cash due from Master of Almshouse,	135 17	
Cash in hands of Overseers,	17 54	
Due from Jacob Smith,	5 00	
" " C. W Spaulding,	2 50	
		$192 83
Cost of supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm,		$1,431 89

Number of persons supported in the Almshouse the past year, 13; average number, 7. The number assisted out of the Almshouse, 16. The number receiving assistance by 2 meals and lodging, 102; number receiving 1 meal, 73.

OREN COOLIDGE, JR.,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS,
Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM.

1 Horse, $75; 1 Harness, 25; 1 Draught Harness, 8; 1 old Harness, 1; 1 Currycomb and Brush, 50 cents; 10 Cows, 450; a lot of Hay forks, 11.50; 8 Meal Boxes, 2; 8 tons English Hay, 280; 3 1-2 tons Stock Hay, 87.50; a lot of Corn Fodder, 14; Oat Straw, 20; Meadow Hay, 3; 50 bushels Corn, 45; 47 bushels Oats, 29; Corn Sheller, 3; Windmill, 5; 2 Hay Cutters, 10; Mowing Machine, 40; a lot of Rakes, 1; 2 Flails, 1; a Set of Measures, 50 cents; 10 Meal Bags, 3; 30 Flour Barrels, 3; Apple Picker, 50 cents; 2 Drag Rakes, 2; 7 Chains, 5; 2 Ox Yokes, 7; 6 Iron Bars, 6; 3 Ploughs, 12; 1 Cultivator, 1; 6 Shovels, 1.50; 2 Spades, 1.50; 3 Dung forks, 3; 2 Hooks, 1; 1 Pick, 75 cents; 1 Ditching Knife, 50 cents; 1 pair Shafts and Axle, 2; 2 Water Tubs, 50 cents; 1 pair Muzzles, 50 cents; 3 Ladders, 5; 24 Fowls, 18; 2 Ox Carts, 50; 1 Hog hook, 1; 2 Whiffletrees, 2; 1 Horse Wagon, 30; 1 Sleigh, 10; 1 Ox Sled, 3; 1 Horse Sled, 2; 1 Farm Wagon, 50; 14 Tie Chains, 2.50; 1 Wheelbarrow, 3; Blanket and Circingle, 2; 3 Shoats, 30; 6 Scythes and Snaiths, 8; 1 Grindstone, 6; 8 Axes, 6; 1 Set Carpenter's Tools, 75; 1 Copper Kettle, 5; 4 Wood Saws, 3; 6 Hoes, 3; Stove-pipe, 1; 1 Bog Hoe, 5.50; 1 Grain Cradle, 1; 4 Saw Horses, 2; 4 bushels White Beans, 12; 3 1-2 bushels Colored Beans, 12; 7 Baskets, 3.50; 1 Washing Machine, 5; 1 Meal Chest and Meal, 5; 2 Harrows, 4; 1 String of Bells, 25 cents; 1 Hay Wagon, 10; 1 Water Trough, 1; 1 Cranberry Rake, 1.25; 200 bushels Potatoes, 1.40; 25 bushels Potatoes, 12.50; Turnips and Beets, 5; Cabbage, 5; 8 Cider Barrels, 8; 1 Barrel Vinegar, 12; 300 lbs. Salt Pork, 36; 200 lbs. Beef, 20; 200 lbs. Hams, 28; 6 gallons Soap, 1; 1-2 bushel Cranberries, 2; 3 Bottles Porter, 1.50; 10 gallons Molasses, 7; 2 barrels Apples, 6; 5 gallons Boiled Cider, 2.50; a lot of Onions, 1; 5 Wash Tubs, 3; 1 Cook Stove, 80; 2 Air-tight Stoves, 8;

1 Franklin Stove, 5; 1 Air-tight Stove, 8; 3 Stoves 5; 65 Milk Pans, 12; 10 Tin Pails, 5; 1 Clothes Wringer, 5; 6 Wooden Pails, 2; 2 lbs. Butter, 80 cents; 5 Stone Jars, 6; 1 gallon measure, and W. Pot, 2; 10 gallons Pickles, 5; 50 lbs. Lard, 10; 20 lbs. Tallow, 2; 5 lbs. Saleratus, 60 cents; 3 lbs. Cream Tartar, 1.80; 4 lbs. Starch, 1.50; 19 Bars Soap, 2.60; 1 Churn, 3; 20 lbs. Dried Apples, 4; 4 lbs. Rice, 50 cents; 7 Butter Tubs, 1.75; 3 Butter Boxes, 1; 3 Butter Moulds, 1.75; 1 Bread Trough, 1; 6 lbs. Oat Meal, 50 cents; Oil, Lead and Japan, 1.50; 2 Apple Parers, 1; 1 Candle Mould, 50 cents; 1 Sausage Filler, 25 cents; 100 lbs. Sugar, 12; a lot of Salt, 40 cents; 2 lbs. Cloves, 1.80; 1 lb. Alspice, 80; 2 lbs. Cinnamon, 1.50; 20 lbs. Pepper, 80; 10 lbs. Ginger, 2; 2 pairs Steelyards, 40 cts.; 2 Washboards, 1; 3 Oil Cans, 1.50; 6 Iron Pots, 2; 1 Tea Kettle, 1; 2 Porcelain Kettles, 1.50; 1 Iron Griddle-pan, 75 cents; 4 Dish pans, 2 50; a lot of Tin Ware, 12; Coffee Mill, 50 cents; Chopping Knife and Tray, 1.50; 1 Wooden Bowl, 75 cents; 2 lbs. Nutmegs, 2.50; 1 Waiter, 1; 2 Clothes Bars, 1; 3 Iron Bean Pots, 1.50; 11 Earthen Pots, 1.10; Stove Blacking and Brush, 1; 5 Brooms, 2; 1 lb. Tea, 1.25; 2 lbs. Coffee, 28 cents; 1 Mortar, 50 cents; 8 Spice Boxes, 64 cents; 1-4 Barrel Flour, 2.50; a lot of Crackers, 25 cents; 2 Seives, 1; 6 Jugs, 1.50; Lamps and Lantern, 3; Knives and Forks and Spoons, 4; Crockery, 10; 5 Sets Shovels and Tongs, 3; Corn Parcher, 50 cents; Candlesticks, 50 cents; Glass Tumblers, 50 cents; a lot of Chests, 12; 7 Trunks, 20; 6 Cases of Drawers, 5; Bedsteads and Beds, 100; 26 Chairs, 10; 3 Rocking Chairs, 2.25; 1 Cabinet Chair, 2.50; Tablecloths and Towels, 5; 1 Cradle, 2; Bedding, 140; 2 Clocks, 10; 11 Tables, 10; 1 Clothes Basket and Lines, 2; 15 Window Curtains, 4; 3 Looking Glasses, 1.35; 6 Flat Irons, 3; 9 lbs. Granulated Sugar, 1.20; 2 doz. Eggs, 60 cents; 11 Chambers, 3; 1 Ash Shovel, 50 cents; 1 Rifle, 5; 2 Watches, 5; 1 Gold Necklace, 7; Hand-

cuffs and Fetters, 2; Garden Rake, 50 cents; 1 Bed Pan, 1.50; 1 Injection Pipe, 2; Old Iron, 75 cents; 2 Mop Handles, 1; 1 Entry Mat, 1; 1 Bed Spread, 2; 46 yds. Sheeting, 6.44; 2 Pairs Woolen Blankets, 8; 5 yds. Crash, 63 cents; Old Clothing, 6; Cow and Dinner Bell, 1.25; 5 Sickles, 1; Beetle Rings and Wedges, 2; 1 Hand Saw, 50 cents; 1 Steel Trap, 1; 75 lbs. Fresh Beef, 9.38; 5 Meat Barrels, 5; Cheese, 58 cents; 15 Bread Tins, 2.50; Meat Hook, Wrenches and Hammers, 2; 1 Butter Worker, 75 cents; 60 Cords Hard Pine Wood, 334.40; 36 1-2 Cords Trash, 54.75; 32 cords Wood, 64.00; 10 Thousand Feet of Lumber, 140.00 Hoop poles, 30.

Amount of personal property at Poor Farm, Feb. 8, 1872,	$3,121 25
Amount of " " " " Feb. 6, 1871,	2,552 86
Gain, - - - - -	$568 39

HENRY A. HILDRETH,
GEO. LAWS,
EDWIN GOULD,
} Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm.

Town House
Westford

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXPENSES

~~Town Clerks Office~~

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1873.

LOWELL, MASS:
STONE & HUSE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS, 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1873.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD—1872.

TOWN CLERK,

W. F. WHEELER.

SELECTMEN,

J. HENRY READ, WILLIAM REED, GEO. W. HEYWOOD.

ASSESSORS,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, A. W. CUMMINGS,
ASAPH B. CUTTER.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WILLIAM A. WEBSTER, ARTHUR WRIGHT,
OLIVER WOODWARD, GEORGE J. SHERBURN,
ALLAN CAMERON, EDWIN GOULD,
WILLIAM M. VOSE, HIRAM DANE,
J. HENRY READ, J. M. CHAMBERLIN,
GEORGE BLODGETT.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

ASA HILDRETH.

FENCE VIEWERS,

ELI TOWER, JACOB SMITH, WILLIAM AGNEW.

CONSTABLES,

William L. Kittredge,
I. E. Day,
Edward Prescott,
H. A. Hildreth,
C. Carkin,
George Hill,
W. O. Hawkes,
Farnsworth Shattuck,
O. W. Woodward,
T. A. Blodgett,
L. W. Blodgett,
William Stiles.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,

William Kittredge, - - - - Term expires 1873,
George Laws, - - - - - - - " " 1874,
L. W. Blodgett, - - - - - - " " 1875.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM,

Alden P. Osgood, Levi T. Fletcher, E. E. Heywood.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

George T. Day, Leonard Luce, William A. Webster.

LIBRARIAN — True A. Bean.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES — Eben Tufts.

WEIGHERS OF HAY,

J. B. Fletcher, N. H. Wright, S. A. Hamlin, John M. Fletcher.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

Cyrus Hamlin,
Daniel Falls,
Arthur Wright,
A. W. Frederic,
T. H. Hamblet,
S. A. Hamlin,
E. A. Stevens,
Oliver Woodward,
~~P. P. Fletcher,~~
Frank A. Fletcher,
A. J. Blaisdell,
~~Alfred Hackett,~~
George Reed,
George H. Prescott,
Allan R. Perham.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES — Allan R. Perham.

MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1872.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
January 31,	M. H. A. Evans,	29	Boston,	Dubuque, Iowa.
	Hattie R. Sargent,	26	Westford,	Lowell.
February 10,	George W. Bussey,	20	Westford,	Pelham, N. H.
	Charlotte Charlwood,	19	Lowell,	England.
March 14,	Calvin Luther Howard,	25	Westford,	Westford.
	Mary Jane Hale,	23	Stow,	Stow.
" 26,	John Alward,	41	Littleton,	New Brunswick.
	Sarah J. Griffin,	19	Westford,	Westford.
" 27,	George C. Moore,	24	Westford,	Westford.
	Ella J. Gilchrest,	19	Lowell,	Lowell.
April 20,	Charles P. Sawtell,	27	Westford,	Shirley.
	Adelia M. Barrows,	26	Westford,	Rockport, Maine.
May 15,	Samuel G. Humiston,	34	Westford,	Vienna, New York.
	Harriet S. Flagg,	28	Westford,	Westford.
June 13,	George H. Hosley,	21	Westford,	Lancaster.
	Nellie (Conner) Kalahan,	29	Cambridge,	Ireland.
" 19,	Frederick Robinson,	28	Westford,	England.
	Lydia Rhodes,	26	England,	England.
July 9,	John Smerdon Joint,	30	Westford,	England.
	Mary Bodden Wadge,	29	Westford,	England.
August 17,	Osmond Shaw,	21	Westford,	Lowell.
	Clara Coolidge,	19	Westford,	Westford.
September 8,	John M. Fling,	22	Westford,	Millburne, Canada.
	Nellie Murphy,	26	Westford,	Worcester.
" 18,	George G. Fitch,	20	Westford,	Manchester, N. H.
	Ella F. Frederic,	20	Westford,	Westford.
October 12,	John A. Christy,	38	Chicago, Ill.	Willoughby, Maine.
	Fanny (Richards) Everett,	30	Westford,	Kennebunk, Maine.
" 19,	Michael Mathews,	25	Westford,	Ireland.
	Ann Saxton,	27	Westford,	Ireland.
" 23,	Alvin J. Blaisdell,	22	Westford,	Carlisle.
	Elizabeth A. Hutchins,	17	Westford,	Westford.
" 29,	Charles A. Wright,	19	Westford,	Westford.
	Celia J. Smith,	17	Westford,	Holderness, N. H.
November 3,	Loring Burrill,	55	Groton,	Lynn.
	Sally B. Cummings,	68	Westford,	Merideth, N. H.
December 17,	John E. Carver,	30	Somerville,	Boston.
	Mary E. Kittredge,	24	Westford,	Westford.
" 31,	Charles Henry Pickering,	24	Woburn,	Northfield.
	Emma Florence Tower,	22	Westford,	Westford.

Marriages recorded, ... 20
Marriages between natives, ... 13
Marriages between foreigners, ... 3
Marriages between natives and foreigners, ... 4

BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1872.

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS.
January 18,	Alvin Simon Nutting,	Simon and Sarah (Worcester) Nutting.
February 1,	Augusta Wilder Smith,	Allen G. and Georgiana Smith.
" 4,	Lizzie Connelly	Michael and Ann Connelly.
" 8,	——— Blodgett,	Luther W. and Sarah A. (Blood) Blodgett.
" 17,	——— Normandin,	Joseph and Pathran Normandin.
" 25,	John Cameron Abbot,	J. W. and Elizabeth R. (Southwick) Abbot.
March 4,	——— Myers,	Henry and Philome Myers.
" 5,	Annie Maybel Drew,	George and Sarah J. (Obar) Drew.
" 5,	Michael Shorrow,	Isaac and Augusta Ann Shorrow.
" 7,	Patrick Henry Harrington,	Patrick and Mary (Harrington) Harrington.
" 13,	Narcia St. Martin,	Narcia and Julia (Seymour) St. Martin.
April 10,	Adelle German,	B. and Close (Savage) German.
" 13,	Minnie Bell Walker,	L. A. E. and Mary J. (Sherburn) Walker.
" 25,	Charles Grandison Sargent,	F. G. and Hepsie (Craven) Sargent.
" 28,	——— Potrie,	Leon and Mary (Ballou) Potrie.
May 1,	Josiah Walter Wright,	George W. and Carrie F. (Bailey) Wright.
" 12,	Albien W. Norton,	Thomas A. and Mercie J. (Johnson) Norton.
" 16,	Rosanne Edgerley,	Joseph N. and Rosanne (Tracy) Edgerley.
June 4,	Albert Robin Wall,	Patrick and Alice (Lynch) Wall.
" 6,	Victoria Brinnell,	Peter and Angeline (Bourgers) Brinnell.
" 6,	Virginia Brinnell,	" " " " "
" 16,	Richard Henry Folland,	Wm. H. and Belvidera (Soper) Folland.
" —,	Julia McCarty,	Dennis and Ellen (L.) McCarty.
" 23,	Florence Mary Comey,	Wm. W. and Mary (Jackson) Comey.
July 1,	Jane White,	Wm. and Magdalene (Elder) White.
" 2,	Emma Mahala Clapper,	Clarke and Alice (Lord) Clapper.
" 8,	Fanny Bethia Prescott,	Noah and Fanny A. (Tower) Prescott.
" 15,	Eliza Jane Dunn,	Thomas and Catharine (Digan) Dunn.
" 15,	Willie George Harwood,	Joseph H. and Anna S. (George) Harwood.
" 16,	Elmer Prescott Fillebrown,	Fred. W. and Clara A. (Prescott) Fillebrown.
" 28,	Cornelius Driscoll,	Timothy and Mary (O'Bride) Driscoll.
August 8,	Howard Newell Jewett,	Newell M. and Sarah E. (Washburne) Jewett.
" 15,	Ralph Ernest Woodbury,	Alfred and Emma Amelia (Snow) Woodbury.
" 21,	Frank Lapine,	Frank and Mary J. (Kelly) Lapine.
" 25,	Thomas Fletcher Fisher,	Alvan and Amanda (Tower) Fisher.
" 26,	Francis Alvan Frost,	Wm. Edwin and Sarah Ellen (Keith) Frost.
" 30,	William Henry Kneeland,	Wm. A. and Mary Paris (Procter) Kneeland.
" 30,	Amanda Parsenó,	Francis P. and Filanise (Poladeau) Parsenó.
September 1,	——— Wright,	Arthur and Sophronia M. Wright.
" 2,	James Madison Hutchins,	Samuel M. and Ann Louisa (Snow) Hutchins.
" 11,	Silas Horton Alward,	John S. and Sarah J. (Griffin) Alward.
" 25,	Lues Joseph Lapere,	Lues and Mary (Brinnell) Lapere.
" 30,	Frederic William Howe,	Adonijah W. & Martha D. (Butterfield) Howe.
October 19,	Gilbert Quinn,	Thomas and Mary A. (Murphy) Quinn.
" 24,	Catharine Maria Shehan,	Andrew and Catharine (Daily) Shehan.

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS.
October 27,	Permelia F. Butterworth,	John T. & Catharine B. (Gannon) Butterworth.
November 11,	John Haggerty,	James and Nellie (McCarthy) Haggerty.
" 20,	Nancy McNamara,	Michael and Nancy (Connelly) McNamara.
" 25,	John Clements,	John and Mary (Peabody) Clements.
" 27,	Eugene Powers,	Michael and Bridget (Sullivan) Powers.
December 25,	Emma Guertin,	Theophile and Eloise (Peleau) Guertin.
" 27,	Catharine Manix,	Martin and Julia (A'Herne) Manix.
" 27,	Blanche May Craven,	Edward and Emily L. (Irish) Craven.
" 31,	——— Hutchins,	Stephen E. & Lucy Abbot (Culver) Hutchins.

Births recorded, ...54
Males, ...30
Females, ...24
Births, of native parentage, ...23
Births, of foreign parentage, ...24
Births, of native and foreign parentage, ... 7

DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1872.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. Years.	Months.	Days.
January 13,	Jennie M. Billings,	24	5	—
" 26,	Matthew McNamara,	74	—	—
" 27,	Alpheus J. Reed,	56	2	—
February 4,	James Toner,	20	9	16
" 16,	Frederick W. Cunningham,	70	7	1
March 31,	Edwin A. Gates,	40	3	3
" 31,	Mary Emily Decatur,	42	10	22
April 6,	Touan Brinnell,	9	9	—
" 15,	Zaccheus Read,	76	2	19
" 27,	Eliel Heywood,	71	2	17
May 4,	Leonard A. E. Walker,	23	5	20
" 6,	Samuel M. Burnett,	70	—	—
" 9,	John Cutter,	78	5	4
" 10,	Isaac Scott,	24	—	—
" 25,	Samuel Richardson,	65	7	—
June 24,	Florence Mary Comey,	—	—	1
July 23,	Ama Richardson,	90	11	27
August 16,	John Wm. Pitt Abbot,	66	3	19
" 18,	Rosan Smith,	32	—	—
" 21,	Victoria Brinnell,	—	2	15
" 24,	Henry Smith,	—	2	15
" 25,	——— Johnson,	—	—	22
" 29,	Mary A. Hildreth,	48	6	26
" 30,	Elmer Fillebrown,	—	1	14
September 7,	Elmer S. Faris,	—	9	—
" 11,	Virginia Brinnell,	—	3	5
October 2,	Jane White,	—	3	1
" 11,	Harriet Frost,	69	—	—
" 11,	Josiah Webber,	84	10	16
November 3,	Timothy Cummings,	64	7	17
" 17,	Mary Barton,	78	—	—
" 19,	Mary Maria Hutchins,	24	8	14
" 29,	Oren Coolidge,	72	9	7
December 13,	Susan Kemp,	63	9	—

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., November 11th, 1872.

Winthrop F. Wheeler, Esq., Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said County, one hundred eighty-eight $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars for Dog Licenses, as per his account of sixth instant.

($188.40.) AMOS STONE,

County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED 1872.

Abbot, J. W.
Banister, J. F.
Banister, Frank
Bean, T. A.
Blaisdell, J. A.
Blodgett, G. W.
Blodgett, T. A.
Bocock, Hannah
Brennan, T. A.
Butterworth, J. T.
Burbeck, Jno.
Burbeck, J. N.
Carkin, J. W.
Carkin, C. H.
Clapper, Clark
Closson, O. S.
Comey, W. W.
Conly, Mrs. Jno.
Cumings, J. W.
Cumings, A. W.
Coolidge, Oren
Dane, Hiram
Dalay, James
Day, I. E.
Day, Amos
Decatur, J. H.
Desmond, Jerry
Dillings, James
Dow, Nellie
Dunn, Joseph
Edwards, Moses
Fillebrown, Frederic
Fisher, Alvan
Fiske, Allen
Fletcher, S. H.
Fletcher, Levi T.
Fletcher, Andrew
Fletcher, Harry N.
Fletcher, Benj. M.
Fletcher, Varnum T.
Fletcher, Luke L.
Frederic, G. S.
Giles, O. A.
Gould, Edwin
Gray, Thos.
Hackett, Alfred
Haley, J.
Hamlin, S. A.
Hamlin, Henry
Hawks, W. O.
Holdsworth, Daniel
Hildreth, H. A.
Hutchins, Geo.
Hutchins, Jno., Jr.
Keyes, J. W.
Lapine, Frank
Lee, N. A.
Lee, Wm.
Leland, Ira
Manix, Martin
McClenna, C. W.
Morrison, Jno.
Murray, Arthur
Murray, Jno.
Nutting, Asia
O'Brien, Cornelius
O'Brien, Michael
O'Brien, James
Perham, A. R.
Pierson, Henry
Pratt, Horace
Prescott, J. F.
Prescott, Ebenezer
Read, J. H.
Read, W. A.
Reed, Merrick
Sargent, C. G.
Shaw, C. F.
Sheahan, Andrew
Skinner, C. F.
Spaulding, C. H.
Spaulding, C. W.
Smith, Lyman A.
Smith, J. D.
Smith, A. G.
Sweetser, Nathaniel
Taylor, R. J.
Thurston, Wm.
Vose, Wm.
Ward, Daniel
Whitney, Wm. M.
Whitney, Julian
Wilson, Jno.
Worcester, Israel
Wright, Arthur
Wright, Martin
Wright, Jephtha
Wright, Erastus

Whole number licensed, - - - - - -	98
Males, - - - - - - - - - - -	94
Females, - - - - - - - - - - -	4

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
February 12, 1873.

The committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$ 2,606 56
Cash borrowed,	3,950 00
Corporation tax in full for 1871,	16 44
" " " 1872,	928 66
Soldiers' families, State aid in part, 1871,	600 00
Received of T. A. Bean for rent of Town House, 1872,	4 90
State school fund, 1872,	157 37
Overseers of Poor, for wood,	300 00
Nashua and Acton Railroad Co., land damage,	165 50
Merchants' Fire Insurance Co., Hartford,	21 56
Rev. L. Luce, school books sold,	14 00
Luther W. Blodgett, for land sold,	65 00
Nashua and Acton Railroad Co., for land,	105 00
Asa Hildreth, Collector, for 1870 in full,	25 00
" " " " 1871 in part,	272 43
" " " before October 6th, 1872,	7,845 26
" " " before December 6th, 1872,	1,498 64
" " " after " 6th, 1872,	3,036 00
	$21,612 32

PAYMENTS.

John Cutter, notes and interest,	$742 36
John Lanktree, " " "	473 85
Daniel Falls, note " "	214 00
A. J. Reed, " " "	210 50
Interest on notes,	1,412 50
State tax for 1872,	1,660 00
County tax for 1872	962 58
Overseers of Poor, on orders,	2,777 00
Amount carried forward,	$ 8,452 79

Amount brought forward,	$8,452 79	
Orders drawn 1872 and 1873,	8,293 37	
Bank tax refunded to State,	27	
Schools,	3,138 38	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,727 51	
		$21,612 32

The committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons and institutions on notes and other claims, to wit:

Mrs. Sally B. Cummings,	$ 300 00	
Mrs. Betsey K. Groce,	500 00	
Mechanics' Savings Bank, Lowell,	9,800 00	
Daniel Flagg,	450 00	
William Reed, 1st,	4,500 00	
N. H. Wright,	1,200 00	
Eli Tower,	600 00	
Westford Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	500 00	
Ira Leland,	300 00	
Elizabeth C. Heywood,	1,000 00	
Alvan Fisher,	1,000 00	
Alson Tuttle,	2,000 00	
Mrs. Eliza S. Wright,	750 00	
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed,	200 00	
Interest on the above notes,	661 92	
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended,	1,867 75	
Due for land taken for Town House,	450 00	
" " " " " School-house No. 9,	100 00	
Outstanding orders,	43 50	
		$26,223 17

RESOURCES.

Balance due for State aid, 1870,	$ 56 00	
" " " 1871,	62 00	
" " " 1872,	612 00	
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1871,	27 37	
" " 1872,	274 85	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,727 51	
		2,759 73
Balance against the Town Feb. 12, 1873,		$23,463 44
" " " " Feb. 13, 1872,		19,820 49
Increase of liabilities,		$3,643 95

CHARLES L. FLETCHER,
ALVAN FISHER,
GEORGE REED,
} *Committee.*

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

S. D. Fletcher's salary, year ending March 1st, 1872	$50 00	
For Entertainment Committee to settle with Treasurer	4 00	
For time and expense paying State and County Taxes, and collecting Corporation Tax	6 00	
Expenses Insuring School-houses	5 00	
		$65 00
W. F. Wheeler, Town Clerk, salary	12 00	
Express, postage and stationery	4 32	
Going to Tyngsboro'	3 00	
Copying births, deaths and marriages, for Town Report	1 50	
Copying and arranging Index of Marriages from 1728 to 1845	13 00	
Recording 44 births	13 20	
" 44 marriages	2 10	
" 18 deaths, at 20 cts. each	3 60	
" 18 " " 10 " "	1 80	
		54 52
J. Henry Read, making Town Report, State Aid Report, and services as Selectman		25 00
William Reed, services as Selectman, and extra time		20 00
George W. Heywood, services as Selectman, and extra time		20 00
		$184 52

LIBRARY.

A. Morrison, Printing Catalogue for Town Library, 1871	$155 00	
		155 00
Amount carried forward,		$339 52

Amount brought forward,.....		$339 52
Amanda M. Hale, for work in Town Library, 1871.....	20 00	
Preparation of catalogue.....	35 00	55 00
Library Committee, for new books as per bill, 1872		58 54
S. B. Simonds, binding books.....		4 60
T. A. Bean, for postage and paper.....		14 40
		$287 54

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

A. Morrison, printing Check Lists.....	$ 9 00	
" " 450 Town Reports,.....	56 00	
" re-printing 450 " "	42 00	107 00
Daniel Flagg, appraising property on Poor Farm, 1870 and 1871,.....		6 00
Luther Wilkins, attending two funerals with hearse,.....		3 50
T. A. Bean, Janitor and Librarian to April 1st, 1872,.....	33 00	
T. A. Bean, Janitor and Librarian to October 1st, 1872,.....	50 00	83 00
Dr. W. A. Webster, services as School Committee, 1871,.....		60 00
Geo. F. Snow, services as School Committee, 1871,.....	40 00	
Superintendence of burying ground No. 1,...	12 25	52 25
Samuel Wiley, kerosene oil,.....	3 21	
Posting Warrants for Town Meetings, 1871,.	14 00	17 21
H. C. Church, paper for Town Library,.....		13 51
Hunt & Elliott, insurance on School-house No. 9,		37 50
Edward Prescott and thirty-six others, for putting out fires in woods near Forge Village,		54 00
Wm. A. Kneeland, attending seventeen funerals with hearse,.....		27 10
S. B. Simonds, binding books,.....		4 00
Stone & Huse, printing 300 School Reports,...	22 35	
To printing and binding State aid book,.....	4 75	27 10
Union Society, use of bell,..... ..		7 50
B. S. Scribner, lightning rod on Town House,...	85 50	
Lightning rod on Graniteville School-house,.	55 75	
" " Forge Village " " .	46 50	
	$187 75	
Discount,.....	18 77	168 98
Amount carried forward,.....		$956 19

Amount brought forward,.....		$956 19
E. A. Hills, printing tax bills,.....		3 90
Hunt & Elliott, insurance on School-house No. 4,.....		40 00
J. B. Fletcher, 1¾ cords wood for Town House,.....		13 13
Edward Prescott, 26 days taking invoice and making taxes,.....		78 00
A. B. Cutter, 14½ days taking invoice and making taxes,.....		43 50
Henry Chamberlain, 15 days taking invoice and making taxes,.....		45 00
First Parish, use of bell from April 1st, 1870, to April 1st, 1872,.....		15 00
Stone & Huse, printing library cards,.....		9 25
T. A. Bean, for binding books,.....		8 80
L. W. Blodgett, damages on old School-house at Forge Village,.....		15 00
Amos Day, work on west burying ground,.....	6 50	
Digging grave for Mrs. Farmer,.....	3 00	9 50
Luke L. Fletcher, teaming wood and coal for Town House,.....		3 00
Heywood & Burbeck, 1 cord pine wood,.....		3 00
Abel Prescott, 2 tons coal at $8.75,.....	17 50	
Freight on coal,.....	2 40	19 90
Hiram Dane, work on Town House,.....		2 25
A. P. Bonney, professional services, 1872,.....		150 00
N. S. Hamlin, for attending meeting of County Commissioners,.....		5 00
Peter Naylor, to services as nurse in small-pox hospital,.....	27 00	
Clothing,.....	17 25	
Provisions,.....	10 21	54 46
Frank Dusant, bedding furnished small-pox hospital,.....		9 75
Simon Forten, to services as nurse in small-pox hospital,.....	47 00	
Supplies,.....	1 33	
Clothing,.....	37 55	85 88
Dr. W. A. Webster, to medical attendance, 24 visits, at small-pox hospital,.....	72 00	
Supplies,.....	6 00	78 00
Samuel Fletcher, half cord of wood for small-pox hospital,.....		3 00
A. P. Richardson, for stone used in building receiving tomb,.....		16 00
Dr. A. W. Buttrick, to professional services,...		10 00
Amount carried forward,.....		$1,677 51

Amount brought forward,.....		$1,677 51
Dr. D. A. Dow, to professional attendance on Albert Bradley,.....	27 00	
For supplies,.....	2 00	
Vaccination,.....	6 00	35 00
S. M. Hutchins, to digging grave for Isaac Scott,	3 00	
For work and superintendence of burying ground,.....	18 50	21 50
J. D. Warren, services as auctioneer,.....		5 00
Marden & Rowell, printing dog license,.....		3 00
Merchants' & Mechanics' Insurance Co.,.....		3 38
W. L. Kittredge, posting warrants,.....		1 50
C. Hamlin, bedclothes for A. Bradley,..... ..	12 50	
For board,.....	5 00	17 50
Luther Prescott, to surveying land and writing deeds,.....		6 50
Amos Day, work on west burying ground,.....		7 00
John Murray, for small-pox hospital,.....		70 00
Edward Prescott, posting warrants,.....	4 50	
Notifying dog owners,.....	8 50	13 00
Asa Hildreth, collecting taxes,.....	102 71	
Collecting poll taxes,.....	5 00	107 71
S. D. Fletcher, kerosene oil for Town House, ..	9 45	
Goods furnished small-pox hospital,.....	3 00	
Books furnished School Committee, and postage,.....	10 78	
Paper, postage and envelops, for Assessors,	3 84	27 07
Hutchins Bros., 13 feet pine wood,.....		7 34
		$2,002 01

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Albion S. Wright,	1870 and 1871,.....	$ 4 00
Joshua Whidden,	"	7 43
W. Foster,	"	2 00
John Holden,	"	2 00
R. N. George,	"	2 00
Patrick Daly, 2nd,	"	2 00
Charles A. Pillings,	"	2 00
Joseph Willet,	"	2 00
Benj. Palmer, error in	1872,.....	20 00
Otis Kidder, " "	"	20 00
Widow Sally Reed, abated,	"	3 60
" " " "	1871,.....	4 05
Thomas Parker, estate of, error,	1872,.....	2 00
Geo. W. Heywood, "	"	3 00
Peter Bussey,	"	2 00
Amount carried forward,.....		$78 08

Amount brought forward,.....			$78 08
Samuel C. Gammil,	1872,.....	$2 00	
Patrick McElligoot,	"	2 00	
Thomas Creighton,	1871,.....	2 00	
Thomas Barrett,	1870,.....	2 00	
Lewis Houghton,	1870,.....	2 00	
Willard Cannon,	1870,.....	2 00	
Peter Callahan,	1870,.....	2 00	
" "	1871,.....	2 00	
Geo. Palmer,	1871,.....	2 00	
Thomas Quinn,	1871,.....	2 00	
" "	1870,.....	2 00	
James T. Patch,	1872,.....	4 10	
William Prinn,	1872,.....	2 00	
Robert Gardner,	1872,.....	2 00	
Geo. Fitch,	1872,.....	2 00	
" "	1871,.....	2 00	34 10
			$112 18

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Edwin E. Heywood, work on road,.....		$3 90
Hutchings Bros., " "		2 00
Luke L. Fletcher, " "		6 00
Stephen E. Hutchins, " "		4 10
W. F. Balch, " "		4 40
Asa Nutting, " "		8 75
Luther Prescott, to constructing $67\frac{8}{10}$ rods new road at $1.30,.....		88 14
E. Symmes, surveying road at Forge Village,..		3 50
David Brinkerhoff, to building 103 rods new road at $2.50,.....	257 50	
Work on new road, settled by Selectmen,...	75 00	332 50
A. G. Smith, work on road,.....		5 00
N. S. Hamlin, " " 1868,.....		2 50
Edwin Gould, " "		5 75
Road Commissioners,.....		1,727 60
		$2,192 14

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Committee to build School-house No. 4,.....	$2,000 00
" " " " 7,.....	1,200 00
W. M. Vose, repairs on " " 5,.....	8 52
Dr. W. A. Webster, " " " 6,.....	3 75
Hiram Dane, " " " 8,.....	2 06
Wright & Co., " " " 10,.....	18 69
	$3,233 02

SUMMARY.

Town Officers,	$ 184 52
Library,	287 54
Incidental Expenses,	1,715 47
Roads and Bridges,	2,192 14
Overseers of the Poor,	2,777 00
School-houses,	3,233 02
State Aid,	612 00
Abatement of Taxes,	112 18
Whole amount of orders,	$11,113 87

J. HENRY READ,
WILLIAM REED,
GEO. W. HEYWOOD. } *Selectmen of Westford.*

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee chosen to build the new School-house in District No. 4, submit the following report:

Paid for land,	$73 00
" E. A. Stevens, setting batters,	2 00
" E. Symmes, surveying,	1 00
" for trenching,	8 00
" for stone work,	257 65
" S. Glidden, for building,	1,460 00
" for vault,	18 50
" for grading,	8 00
" for furniture,	243 56
" for stove fixtures,	6 65
Total expense,	$2,078 36

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. HILDRETH, } *Building*
AMOS LEIGHTON, } *Committee.*

WESTFORD, February 13, 1873.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report, for the support of the poor for the year ending February 8th, 1873:

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee—	
February 7, 1872,	$3,125 25
February 8, 1873,	2,503 96
Loss on personal property,	$621 29

Income from the Farm, as by S. R. Bagley's books:

Received for milk,	$371 05
" for calves,	47 50
" in part for three cows,	42 51
" Potatoes,	22 82
" Cider,	27 72
" Apples,	18 50
" Wood,	15 25
" Labor,	18 62
" Straw,	12 00
" Two cow-hides,	11 48
" Beans,	4 33
" Cabbages,	2 98
" Chickens,	1 75
" Eggs,	1 20
Cash left by Mr. Tidd,	5 00
Due from I. E. Day,	95 33
	$698 04

BILLS PAID.

Paid for oils and paints,	$ 72 62
Flour and groceries,	252 73
One yoke of oxen,	216 00
Amount carried forward,	$541 35

Amount brought forward,	$541 35
Paid for Fresh meat, bought of W. S. Comey,	24 71
D. A. Dow, for medical attendance at Alms House,	119 00
Wm. A. Webster, for medical attendance,	12 00
For Coffin for Mr. Tidd,	13 00
Chairs,	8 00
One ox yoke,	4 00
Killing two cows,	2 00
Threshing oats,	5 25
Turkeys,	3 87
Williette Bagley, for labor to April 1st, 1872,	53 00
" " since April 1st, 1872,	50 00
For Pork,	1 45
Shoes,	1 00
Repairing boots,	1 40
Stockings,	1 55
Repairing wagon and sled,	11 45
Tripe,	4 30
Three meal bags,	1 05
Dry goods,	44 78
Blacksmith's bill,	10 21
Freight and express bills,	3 76
Expense in going to Brighton,	3 15
Groceries, bought in Boston,	69 00
Meat, bought of I. E. Day,	42 51
Groceries, bought of J. B. Fletcher,	37 27
George Hildreth, for painting,	52 50
S. T. Wright, for chestnut posts,	19 50
E. A. Stevens, for work and lumber,	43 16
For Coffin and robe for F. Scott,	13 00
Wright & Co., for groceries,	111 42
For Pasturing two cows,	10 75
J. R. Bagley, as master of the Alms House from April 1st, 1871, to April 1st, 1872,	400 00
For Labor,	134 65
L. Luce, for attending funeral,	1 00
For One rake and two forks,	1 50
Making cider,	11 35
Meal, grain and flour,	139 05
Pigs,	11 00
Ladders and hooks,	7 08
Bedstead,	4 00
Axletree for wagon,	5 60
Filing saws,	1 25
Whip,	50
Crockery,	3 23
Cutting hoop-poles,	4 00
Truck for door, and two locks,	1 40
Amount carried forward,	$2,045 00

Amount brought forward,	$2,045 00
Paid for Soap,	5 00
Drag rake,	1 25
Use of cultivator,	1 00
Hats,	1 05
Stove back,	1 50
Scythe and snath,	2 25
House paper,	1 00
Crackers,	14 50
Grinding corn,	9 72
Medicine,	23 28
Car fare,	1 20
Fresh meat,	35 09
Fresh fish,	26 13
Groceries,	56 49
Stationery and lamp shade,	52
	$2,224 98

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR, OUTSIDE OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Town of Randolph, for the relief of J. Kemp,	$ 66 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for A. P. Woodard,	216 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for Rufus Keyes,	190 00
Town of Ipswich, for the relief of Eunice Fletcher,	27 75
For the relief of S. Hoyle,	72 00
For the relief of Mrs. J. Parker,	40 75
For cutting wood and lumber,	113 90
Wm. Reed, for teaming logs,	66 50
Heywood & Burbeck, for sawing lumber,	53 90
D. McCarty, for loading wood,	17 37
Town of Andover, for the relief of J. Bostwick,	11 00
For clothes and school books for C. Peckins,	7 00
Charles Dutton, M. D., for medical attendance on James Patch,	3 00
S. L. Prescott, for stove for small-pox shanty,	3 00
I. E. Day, for meat for shanty,	4 12
Wm. A. Webster, M. D., for medical attendance on C. Peckins,	15 00
Charles H. Torry, for taking care of Wm. Willis,	56 00
R. H. Phelps, M. D., for medical attendance on Wm. Willis,	20 75
A. W. Cummings, for expense in going to Randolph about J. Kemp,	9 00
For removing Levi Lebuff,	2 00
Services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
Burial expenses of Henry Smith,	5 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,010 04

Amount brought forward,	$1,010 04
Paid Asaph B. Cutter, for removing Levi Lebuff,	2 00
Services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Marlboro' and Hudson twice, to see about the settlement of H. Frost,	11 00
For going to Lowell five times, about S. Hoyle and H. Frost,	4 00
For going to Sherborn, about H. Frost,	7 50
For carrying C. Peckins to State Alms House,	4 00
For carrying Dennis Clary to State Alms House,	4 00
For making out report to Board of State Charities,	5 00
For making out report to the Town,	5 00
For two days' time, spent about Levi Lebuff,	4 00
For postage stamps and stationery,	2 50
For services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
For expense of taking care of H. Frost,	288 79
Town Treasurer,	300 00
	$1,667 83

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE EXPENSE OF THE POOR ABOVE THE INCOME OF THE FARM,

For the Year ending February 8th, 1873.

Amount drawn from Town Treasurer,	$2,777 00
Received of S. T. Wright, for wood,	368 24
" for hoop-poles,	23 77
" for lumber,	35 56
" on account of H. Frost,	13 95
Cash on hand at last settlement,	17 54
	$3,236 06

RESOURCES.

Due from the Commonwealth,	$361 01
From the Town of Westboro', for the support of H. Frost,	277 74
From S. T. Wright, for wood,	65 87
From N. S. Hamblin, for boards,	36 10
From Moore Brothers, for boards,	9 50
From I. E. Day, for cattle and hog,	95 33
For milk,	80 23
From Warren Spaulding,	2 50
	$928 28

Number of paupers supported in the Alms House, the past year,	11
Average number,	$8\frac{2}{13}$
The number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging,	88
The number assisted out of the Alms House,	17
The number receiving one meal,	66

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
ASAPH B. CUTTER.
} *Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Westford.*

PERSONAL APPRAISAL

OF PROPERTY AT THE ALMS HOUSE IN WESTFORD,

February 7th, 1873, as follows:

1 horse, $75; 1 harness, 25; draught harness, 7; old harness, 50 cts.; currycomb and brush, 50 cts.; 1 pair of oxen, 250; 6 cows, 240; 6 tons English hay, 180; 5 tons stock hay, 80; lot of corn fodder, 23; oat straw, 21; hay forks, 5; lot of meal boxes, 2.50; windmill, 4; corn sheller, 5; 50 bushels corn, 45; 17 bushels oats, 10; 8 bushels beans, 28; 2 hay cutters and feed box, 10; mowing machine, 30; 2 flails, 1; 1 set measures, 50 cts.; 40 flour barrels, 6.50; 10 bags, 3; apple picker, 50 cts.; 3 drag rakes, 3; 7 chains, 5; 2 ox yokes, 7; 6 iron bars, 6; 3 ploughs, 12; 1 cultivator, 50 cts.; 6 shovels, 2; 2 spades, 1; 4 manure forks, 4; 1 manure hook, 50 cts.; 1 pick, 75 cts.; 1 ditching knife, 50 cts.; 1 bog hoe, 50 cts.; 1 pair shafts and 2 axles, 3; 3 water tubs, 1.50; 1 pair muzzles, 25 cts.; 4 ladders and hook, 11; 2 ox carts, 50; 1 farm wagon, 50; 8 fowls, 6; 1 hog hook, 50 cts.; 2 whiffletrees, 1.50; 1 horse wagon, 30; 1 sleigh, 8; 1 ox sled, 2; 1 horse sled, 3; 14 tie chains, 3.50; 1 wheelbarrow, 3; 1 blanket and surcingle, 2; 3 shoats, 30; cart and sled spire, 3; 1 cow bell, 50 cts.; 6 scythes and snaths, 7; 1 grind stone, 5; 8 axes, 4; carpenters' tools, 70; 1 copper kettle, 2; 5 wood saws, 4; 6 hoes, 3; 2 garden rakes, 1; stove pipe, 75 cts.; 10 baskets, 6; grain cradle, 1; 4 saw horses, 1; colored beans, 4; washing machine, 5; 2 meal chests and meal, 6; 7 rakes, 1.75; 2 harrows, 4; 1 string of bells, 25 cts.; 1 water trough, 1; 1 cranberry rake, 1.25; cranberries, 3; soap, 2.50; 10 gallons pickles, 4; 25 lbs. butter, 8.75; 6 stone jars, 4.75; 1 gallon measure, 50 cts.; 230 lbs. salt pork, 27.60; 160 lbs. ham, 22.40; 140 bushels potatoes, 140; 9 barrels apples, 10; 6 gallons boiled cider, 3; 9 barrels cider, 40.50; vinegar, 4; 8 cider casks, 8; garden vegetables, 4; 10 gallons molasses, 4.80; kerosene can and oil, 4.40; 6 wash tubs, 5; 1 cook stove, 75; 3 air-tight stoves, 21; 1 Franklin stove, 2; 66 milk pans, 12; 8 tin pails, 4; 5 wash basins, 2; tin ware, 15; extracts, 1.20; coffee mill, 50 cts.; 1 wooden bowl, 50 cts.; 1 clothes wringer, 5; 1 water pot, 1; 88 lbs. lard, 13.20; 40 lbs. tallow, 4; saleratus, 80 cts.; cream tartar, 1.50; 3 butter moulds, 1.75; 3 lbs. starch, 42 cts.; bar soap, 3; churn, 3; 49 lbs. dried apple, 5; 40 lbs. rice, 4; 7 butter tubs, 1; 3 butter boxes, 1; bread trough, 1; paint stock, 4; 2 apple parers, 1; candle mould, 50 cts.; 1 sausage filler, 25 cts.; 50 lbs. sugar, 6; salt, 50 cts.; spices, 4; 2 pairs steelyards, 80 cts.; 2 wash bowls, 1; 3 oil cans, 1.50; 6 iron pots, 2; 1 tea kettle, 75 cts.; 2 porcelain kettles, 1.50; 1 iron griddle pan, 75 cts.; chopping knife and 2 trays, 2; 1 wooden bowl, 50; 1 waiter, 1; 2

clothes bars, 1; 3 iron bread pans, 1.50; 11 earthen pots, 1; stove blacking and brush, 75 cts.; 6 brooms, 1.50; tea, 1; 3 lbs. coffee, 39 cts.; 1 morter, 50 cts.; 35 lbs. dry fish, 3.15; 8 spice boxes, 40 cts; ¼ bbl. flour, 3; 2 seives, 1; 7 jugs, 2; lamps and lantern, 3; knives, forks and spoons, 4; crockery, 10; 5 sets shovels and tongs, 3; 1 corn parcher, 50 cts.; candlesticks, 50 cts.; glass tumblers, 50 cts.; a lot of chests, 10; 8 trunks, 20; 6 cases drawers, 5; 15 lights of glass, 90 cts.; 9 lamp chimneys, 90 cts.; 10 bedsteads and beds, 100; 6 rocking chairs, 5.25; 1 cabinet chair, 2.50; tablecloths and towels, 5.50; old clothing, 5; bedding, 160; 1 cradle, 2; 2 clocks, 5; 11 tables, 10; 2 clothes baskets and lines, 3; 16 window curtains, 4; 3 looking glasses, 1.35; 6 flat irons, 3; ash shovels, &c., 3.50; 1 rifle, 5; 2 watches, 5; 1 gold necklace, 7; handcuffs and fetters, 2; 1 bed pan, 1.50; 1 injection pipe, 2; old iron, 1.25; 2 mop handles, 80 cts.; 1 entry mat, 75 cts.; 6 lbs. cheese, 1.20; 1 dinner bell, 75 cts.; 5 sickles, 1; beetle rings and wedges, 2; 1 steel trap, 75 cts.; 5 meat bbls., 5; meat fork, wrenches and hammer, 2; butter worker, 75 cts.; fresh beef and pork, 11; 8 cords wood, (trash,) 16; 16 cords wood, (in shed,) 40; 1 cord hard wood, 6; 500 feet plank, 10; 3 M feet boards, 60.

Amount of personal property at Alms House February 7, 1873,.....	$2,503 96
Amount of personal property February 8, 1872,.....	3,125 25
Difference,.....	$621 29

LEVI T. FLETCHER,
ALDEN P. OSGOOD,
EDWIN E. HEYWOOD.
} *Appraisers of Property at the Alms House.*

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1874.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE, HUSE & CO., BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS, 21 CENTRAL STREET.
1874.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1873.

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN.

J. HENRY READ, WILLIAM REED, GEO. W. HEYWOOD.

ASSESSORS,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ASAPH B. CUTTER,
ASA HILDRETH.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

J. HENRY READ, OREN COOLIDGE,
NATHAN S. HAMBLIN.

TOWN TREASURER.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Allan Cameron,	Oliver Woodward,	Wm. L. Kittredge,
William E. Frost,	Geo. J. Sherburn,	J. William Fletcher,
J. Henry Read,	Arthur Wright,	George E. Coburn,
Edwin Gould,	Alonzo P. Reed,	William M. Vose.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

JOHN LANKTREE.

FENCE VIEWERS.

ELI TOWER, TIMOTHY L. GRIFFIN, JACOB SMITH.

CONSTABLES.

William L. Kittredge,	F. A. Fletcher,	George C. Hill,
Edward Prescott,	S. H. Fletcher,	S. S. Gilson,
William A. Frederic,	Isaac E. Day,	Moses Edwards,
Wesley O. Hawkes,	William Whitney,	H. A. Hildreth.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM.

Alvan Fisher, A. W. Cummings, Henry A. Hildreth.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Dist. No. 1—A. P. Richardson,	Dist. No. 10—W. F. Balch,
" " 2—Thomas Horan,	" " 11—S. N. Burbeck,
" " 3—Eli Tower,	" " 12—George Laws,
" " 4—Francis Caldwell,	" " 13—T. L. Griffin,
" " 5—John Dane,	" " 14—F. A. Fletcher,
" " 6—John Morrison,	" " 15—John Murphy,
" " 7—Hezekiah Cummings,	" " 16—Alonzo P. Reed,
" " 8—David Brinckerhoff,	" " 17—S. E. Hutchins,
" " 9—A. W. Cummings,	" " 18—Josiah Walker.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY.

GEO. T. DAY, WM. A. WEBSTER, MRS. J. W. P. ABBOT.

LIBRARIAN—TRUE A. BEAN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—EBEN TUFTS.

WEIGHERS OF HAY.

J. B. Fletcher, N. H. Wright, S. A. Hamblin, John M. Fletcher.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

Cyrus Hamlin,	S. A. Hamblin,	George Reed,
Daniel Falls,	E. A. Stevens,	George H. Prescott.
Arthur Wright,	Oliver Woodward,	Charles E. Whidden,
A. W. Frederic,	Franklin A. Fletcher,	H. H. Decatur,
T. H. Hamlet,	A. J. Blaisdell,	Allan R. Perham.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES—ALLAN R. PERHAM.

MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1873.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
March 24	John William Fletcher	21	Westford,	Westford.
	Susie A. Willis	25	Lawrence, Mass.	Lowell.
April 3	Edward Henry Holt	34	Westford,	Greenfield.
	Julia A. Bennett	35	Westford,	Newark, N. J.
April 16	German S. Lyon	46	South Acton,	Pelham, N. H.
	Sarah L. Russell	29	Westford,	Hooksett, N. H.
June 14	Reuben Sargent	46	Westford,	Newry, Maine.
	Nancy Hosley	36	Westford,	Westford.
July 29	Joseph Sears	20	Westford,	Montreal, Canada
	Josephine Brunel	15	Westford,	Canada.
August 7	Burpee Bleakney	22	Groton,	New Brunswick.
	Ellen (Scully) Roach	27	Groton,	Ayer.
August 12	Julius M. Writer	22	Westford,	Potton, P. Q.
	Harriet S. Carkin	17	Westford,	Westford.
September 3	Fletcher Peckens	54	Westford,	Chelmsford.
	Elizabeth P. (Toby) Hammond	44	Westford,	St. Albans, Maine.
September 10	Ai Dane	27	Westford,	Westford.
	Elma L. (Page) Bell	25	Lowell,	Lowell.
October 9	Hiram H. Decatur	49	Westford,	Barrington, N. H.
	Abbie V. Ricker	45	Barrington, N.H.	Strafford, N. H.
December 4	James Sherburne	33	Westford,	Tyngsborough.
	Fannie A. (Derby) Putnam	37	Westford,	Groton.

Marriages recorded 11
Marriages between natives 8
Marriages between foreigners 1
Marriages between natives and foreigners 2

BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1873.

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS.
January 4	Edwin Lackey	John H. and Ellen A. (Reed) Lackey.
" 8	Mary Remmes	Theo. and Theresa (Schurman) Remmes.
" 17	Virginie Gaudette	Alexander and Natalie (Cyre) Gaudette.
" 17	Alice Louisa Agnew	William and Jeanette (Muir) Agnew.
" 22	Donald Allan Cameron	Allan and Eleanor F. (Flint) Cameron.
" 23	Jesse Rome King	Albert and Margaret (Conley) King.
" 23	George Thomas Doody	David and Maria (Griffith) Doody.
February 3	Paul Normandin	T. and Mary (Raymond) Normandin.
" 14	Charles Abbot Chamberlin	Henry and Mary E. (Read) Chamberlin.
" 15	John Handley	Dan'l & Catherine (Mahoney) Handley.
" 15	Henry Augustus Bunce	Augustus and Emily W. (Loker) Bunce
March 6	Caleb Currier Farris	Leonard T. and Mary (Currier) Farris.
" 13	Howard Brewer Fillebrown	H. R. and M. F. (Brewer) Fillebrown.
" 12	Malvina Beaupeller	John and Adeline (Cyre) Beaupelle.
" 18	Ellen Hoar	Joseph and Catherine (Fenton) Hoar.
" 27	Ora Louisa Day	John W. and Emma M. (Sprague) Day.
April 1	—— Jackson	S. M. and Emma (Hayward) Jackson.
" 2	Hannah Galvin	Patrick and Ann (Duffie) Galvin.
" 6	Edith Marion Fletcher	John M. and E. J. (Tebbetts) Fletcher.
" 15	Marion Gertrude Sherman	Daniel W. and S. A. (Farrar) Sherman.
" 16	Margaret Jane Gateley	John and Mary (Welton) Gateley.
May 20	Thomas Gateley	James and Annie E. (McGuire) Gateley.
" 22	Ernest Herman Dane	Hiram and Sarah (Carr) Dane.
June 6	Henry Blood Read	J. Henry and Mary E. (Falls) Read.
" 16	—— Devise	Edward and Mary (Vallard) Devise.
" 19	—— Rogers	Henry and —— (——) Rogers.
" 22	Bertha Frances Fitch	George G. and Ella F. (Frederick) Fitch.
" 23	John Lawrence Flynn	John M. and Ellen (Murphy) Flynn.
July 31	Charles Danforth Howard	Calvin L. and Mary J. (Hale) Howard.
August 1	Charles Tobias Augustus Rogers,	George H. and S. M. (Forten) Rogers.
" 15	Marion McGregor Hamilton	Henry H. and H. (McGregor) Hamilton.
" 21	Francis Conley	Michael and Ann (Fay) Conley.
" 25	Ella Frances Gilson	Levi S and Anna F. (Ingallis) Gilson.
" 26	Annie Fraser McKay	James and Isabella (Fraser) McKay.
" 27	Ida Emmogene Closson	John E. and Lilla D. (Bigelow) Closson.
" 29	Beulah Reed	William (2nd) and C. (Wheeler) Reed.
September 1	George Henry Simpson. Mary Ann Simpson	James and Margaret (Sullivan) Simpson.
" 1	Rosalie Potrie	Leon and Mary (Ballou) Potrie.
" 20	Thomas Arthur Edson Wilson	John and Lizzie (Scott) Wilson.
" 21	William Reuben Carver	John E. and Mary E. (Kittredge) Carver.
October 15	Flora Bell Hutchins	John, Jr. and S. E. (Nickles) Hutchins.
" 22	George Henry White	William and Magdalen (Elder) White.
" 24	Ann Carmichael	John and Jeannie (Elder) Carmichael.
November 24	Rose May Polley	Alvin G. and Marietta (McIntire) Polley.
" 24	Mary Bertha Farrar	George and Lydia R. (Coleman) Farrar.
December 10	George Lyman Wright	Charles A. and Celia J. (Smith) Wright.
" 23	Albert Frederick Wilkins	Augustine and Ella L. (Haynor) Wilkins.
" 26	Emily Almeda Hutchinson	George and Annie (Foley) Hutchinson.
" 26	Florence May Blaisdell	Joel A. and E. A. (Hutchins) Blaisdell.

Births recorded	50
Males	25
Females	25
Births of native parentage	24
Births of foreign parentage	20
Births of native and foreign parentage	6

DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1873.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		Years.	*Months.*	*Days.*
January 22	Ebenezer Tidd	84	10	29
" 24	Sarah Leighton	94	2	..
February 16	Infant Child of O. S. Closson	..	..	..
" 25	Willard Millis	..	1	8
March 1	George S. Falls	29	4	..
" 1	Anna Wayne	32	..	..
" 3	Rachel G. Hutchinson	87	8	24
April 13	Rebecca Hildreth	91	7	2
" 21	Asenath Sherman	81	8	25
" 24	James Kemp	62	..	..
" 30	Gilbert Farmer	71	..	..
May 13	Catherine C. Fenton	80	..	..
" 22	James M. Hutchins	..	8	20
July 5	William H. Abbot	19	7	14
" 10	Sophronia B. Dwinell	68	7	..
" 26	Lizzie Adams	45	..	..
August 6	Michael Sculley	35	..	..
" 18	Frederic A. Fletcher	13	11	18
September 9	Lucy T. Richardson	59	3	23
October 7	Caleb C. Farris	..	7	..
" 11	Joseph Bailey	28	2	16
" 30	George M. L. Hildreth	33	8	20
November 21	Patrick Doody	6	9	..
December 4	Lucy Perham	81	..	..
" 6	Julia R. Carleton	66	..	..
" 14	Oliver F. Daland	72	..	..

Whole number, 26.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., November 25, 1873.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, one hundred sixty-seven $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars for dog licenses, as per his account of 24th inst.

$167.40.

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1873.

Abbot, J. W.
Banister, Frank.
Banister, J. F.
Bean, True A.
Blodgett, W. G.
Blodgett, T. A.
Brinckerhoff, D.
Brough, John.
Burbeck, J. N.
Butterfield, J.
Carkin, I. W.
Carkin, C. H.
Closson, O. S.
Comey, W. W.
Coolidge, Oren.
Cummings, A. W.
Cummings, J. W.
Currin, William.
Dane, Hiram.
Day, Amos.
Day, I. E.
Desmond, J.
Dow, Nellie.
Durent, J.
Edwards, Moses.
Fillebrown, F.
Fisk, Allen.
Fisher, Alvin,
Fletcher, Andrew.
Fletcher, B. M.
Fletcher, F. L.
Fletcher, Levi T.
Fletcher, L. L.
Fletcher, S. H.
Fletcher, V. T.
Frederic, Geo. S.
Gould, Edwin.
Haley, James.
Hamlin, Henry.
Hawkes, W. O.
Hildreth, H. A.
Holdsworth, D.
Horan, Thomas.
Hutchins, Geo.
Hutchins, John, Jr.
Jackson, S. M.
Keyes, J. W.
Lee, N. A.
Lee, William.
Leland, Hiram.
Leland, Ira.
Lyon, B. V.
Morrison, John.
Mullen, James.
Murphy, Michael.
Nutting, B. F.
O'Brien, Cornelius.
O'Brien, James.
O'Brien, Michael.
Osgood, H. G.
Patch, Jane A. L.
Pearson, Henry.
Perham, A. R.
Pratt, Horace.
Prescott, J. F.
Prescott, S. A.
Raymond, Joseph.
Read, J. H.
Read, W. A.
Sargent, C. G.
Shaw, T. P.
Sheahan, Andrew.
Shepherd, William.
Smith, L. A.
Smith, M. A.—2.
Spaulding, C. W.
Sprague, I. W.
Sweetser, Nathaniel.
Vose, W. M.
Ward, Daniel.
Whitney, Henry.
Whitney, Julian.
Whitney, W. M.
Worcester, Iraael.
Wright, Arthur—2.
Wright, Martin.

Whole number licensed,	88
Males,	85
Females,	3

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
February 12, 1874.

The committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer for the year ending at date, submit the following report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,.....	$1,727 51
Cash borrowed,.....	16,125 50
Corporation tax for 1873,.....	962 85
National Bank tax for 1873, in full,.....	740 00
State Aid to Soldiers' families, 1872 in part,.....	600 00
State School Fund, 1872–3,.....	144 20
State on account of paupers,.....	33 14
Overseers of Poor,.....	634 78
Abram Brown, old school-house No. 7,.....	59 51
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1872,.....	173 33
William Kittredge, lumber,.....	10 00
True A. Bean, rent of Town Hall,.....	97 90
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1871,.....	5 40
" " " 1872,.....	200 00
John Lanktree, Collector before Oct. 6, 1873,.....	8,173 56
" " " " Dec. 6, 1873,.....	3,810 26
" " " after " "	3,021 24
	$36,519 18

PAYMENTS.

Eli Tower, note and interest,.....	$616 90	
Mrs. Eliza S. Wright, note and interest,.....	800 89	
Mrs. Betsey K. Groce, note and interest,....	517 50	
N. Harwood Wright, note and interest,.....	1,014 38	
Wm. Reed, 1st,.....	505 83	
Amount carried forward,.	$3,455 70	

Amount brought forward,	$3,455 70	
Mechanics' Savings Bank, Lowell, note and interest,	10,035 56	
Interest on other notes,	1,171 50	
State Tax for 1873,	1,867 50	
County Tax for 1873,	1,063 91	
Overseers of Poor, on orders,	2,000 00	
Orders drawn, 1873–4,	12,925 54	
Schools,	2,860 87	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,138 80	
		$36,519 18

Your committee further report that the town is indebted to the following persons and institutions, on notes and other claims, to wit:

Mrs. Sally B. Cummings,	$300 00	
Daniel Flagg,	450 00	
N. Harwood Wright,	2,200 00	
Alson Tuttle,	2,000 00	
Wm. Reed, 1st,	6,000 00	
Westford Mutual Fire Insurance Company,	1,960 00	
Ira Leland,	300 00	
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Heywood,	1,665 00	
Alvan Fisher,	1,000 00	
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed,	1,800 00	
Eli Tower,	2,000 00	
Amos Heywood,	400 00	
Mrs. Eliza S. Wright,	800 00	
Mrs. Caroline M. Davis,	1,000 00	
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed, Guardian,	400 00	
John Lanktree,	125 00	
J. Henry Read,	300 00	
Alonzo P. Reed,	100 00	
George R. Harrison,	100 00	
Mrs. Ruth Farley,	100 00	
Miss Abigail Lawrence,	100 00	
First National Bank, Lowell,	2,000 00	
Mrs. Sarah B. Lund,	1,000 00	
		$26,100 00

Interest accrued on the above notes,	$928 01	
Balance appropriation for schools unexpended,	1,846 19	
Due for land taken for school-house No. 9,	100 00	
Outstanding orders,	82 11	
		2,956 31
		$29,056 31

RESOURCES.

Balance due from State Aid to soldiers' families, 1870,	$56 00	
Balance due from State Aid to soldiers' families, 1871,	62 00	
Balance due from State Aid to soldiers' families, 1872,	12 00	
Balance due from State Aid to soldiers' families, 1873,	696 00	
Old school-house No. 3,	102 50	
" " No. 4,	50 00	
Asa Hildreth, Collector, 1871,	21 97	
" " " 1872,	74 85	
John Lanktree, Collector, 1873,	1,689 15	
Cash in Treasury,	1,138 80	
		$3,903 27
Balance against the town, Feb. 12, 1874,		$25,153 04
" " " " 1873,		23,463 44
Increase of liabilities,		$1,689 60

EPHRAIM A. STEVENS,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

S. D. Fletcher's salary, year ending March 1st, 1873,	$50 00	
Entertainment furnished Committee to settle with Treasurer,	4 00	
Time and expense paying State and County Taxes, and collecting Corporation Tax,	6 00	
Expenses insuring school-houses,	5 00	$65 00
W. F. Wheeler, Town Clerk, salary to March 1st, 1873,	12 00	
Express, postage and stationery,	4 41	
Attending Town Clerk's meeting at Tyngsboro'	3 00	
Copy for Town Report,	2 00	
Recording 20 marriages, at 15 cents,	3 00	
" 57 births, at 30 cents,	17 10	
" 27 deaths, at 20 cents,	5 40	
" 11 " at 10 cents,	1 10	48 01
E. R. Hodgman, Town Clerk, salary to March 1st, 1874,	12 00	
Postage and stationery,	2 03	
Going to Tyngsboro'	3 00	
Copy for Town Report,	1 50	
Recording 50 births,	25 00	
" 20 deaths,	4 00	
" 6 deaths,	60	
" 11 marriages,	1 65	49 78
J. Henry Read, making Town and State Aid Reports, Road and Dog Warrants, and services as Selectman,	25 00	
Extra time as Selectman,	15 00	40 00
William Reed, services as Selectman, and extra time,		15 00
Geo. W. Heywood, services as Selectman, and extra time,		15 00
		$232 79
Library Committee, for new books as per bill,		262 27

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

S. D. Fletcher, 21 gallons kerosene oil,	$7 35	
Postage and stationery,	1 02	$8 37
First Parish, use of bell from April 1, 1872 to April 1, 1873,		7 50
H. Cummings, services as Overseer of the Poor, 1871,	10 00	
Going to Boston,	4 20	14 20
S. G. Mack & Co., cleaning furnace and pipe,		3 10
W. L. Kittredge, posting warrants,		6 00
Stone, Huse & Co., printing 125 posters,	4 50	
100 certificates and bills,	4 75	
50 tax notices,	1 50	
450 town reports,	45 58	
300 school reports,	23 40	79 73
Samuel Willey, entertainment furnished Jury and Counsel on suit of Dr. Osgood's estate,		70 00
Geo. W. Coburn & Son, insurance on school-house No. 7,		37 50
S. D. Fletcher, 12 gallons kerosene oil,	4 20	
Stationery, postage, &c.,	9 62	13 82
L. A. Smith, teaming coal for town house,		4 00
A. B. Cutter, 13½ days taking invoice and making taxes,		40 50
Edward Prescott, 24 days taking invoice and making taxes,	72 00	
Administering oath,	50	
4 tons coal for town house,	36 24	108 74
Marden & Rowell, printing 1200 tax bills, & express		3 75
Asa Hildreth, 22½ days taking invoice and making taxes,		67 50
S. D. Fletcher, books furnished poor children and teachers,	15 46	
Interest advanced on $100, for 6 months, at 7 per cent. per annum,	3 50	18 96
S. B. Simonds, binding books,		9 95
J. M. Fletcher, pruning trees on common,		5 00
William Kittredge, 4 cords oak wook,	36 00	
1⅜ cords pine wood,	6 88	42 88
Amos Day, work on west burying ground,	6 50	
Digging graves,	6 00	12 50
Joseph Gould, repairing guide boards,		4 25
Reed and McCarty, laying wall at poor farm,		35 25
W. A. Kneeland, attending funerals,		3 00
Wright & Co., 9 gallons kerosene oil,	3 15	
5 dozen chimneys,	6 00	
Flannel and tacks,	82	
Tub,	1 00	10 97
Amount carried forward,		$607 45

Amount brought forward,		$607 45
W. A. Webster, services as school committee,		40 00
Hiram Dane, services as school committee,		30 00
T. A. Bean, janitor and librarian, from October, 1872, to April, 1873,	$50 00	
Four days' extra work,	8 00	
Eight days' extra work on library,	16 00	74 00
Clara Wiley, work on library,		1 25
Carrie Fletcher, work on library,		1 00
Edwin Gould, services as school committee for four years,		35 00
Union Society, use of bell,		7 50
David Reed, land damages on Forge Village road,		12 00
T. A. Bean, janitor and librarian to February 1st,	125 00	
Work on town house,	7 50	
Re-writing catalogue,	3 00	
Lowell twice with books,	3 00	
Sawing 5⅜ cords wood,	10 75	149 25
J. Henry Read, 3 acres and 38 rods of land for east burying ground,		300 00
J. D. Warren, services as auctioneer,		5 00
Thomas Drew, for land for school-house No. 6,		25 00
Eliza Osgood, for land for town house,	778 43	
Interest from July 19, 1873,	21 79	800 22
Costs of sheriff and jury,		174 66
E. E. Heywood, appraising property at poor farm, 1873,		3 00
S. M. Hutchins, taking care east burying ground,	12 00	
Care of tomb,	2 00	
Digging graves,	6 00	20 00
Wright & Fletcher, kerosene oil, books, stationery, &c.,		18 46
A. & E. G. Spalding, 315 feet plank,		6 30
W. L. Kittredge, posting warrants,	6 00	
Collecting dog taxes,	5 00	11 00
William Kittredge, attending 14 funerals,	28 00	
Conveying body of E. Adams to Chelmsford,	2 00	30 00
S. D. Fletcher, 3 gallons kerosene oil,	1 05	
Postage,	13	
Time and expense to Lowell,	2 00	
Recording Deeds,	1 95	
Interest on $600 advanced to town,	3 57	8 70
Traders & Mechanics' Insurance Co., insuring town farm buildings,		94 35
A. P. Bonney, to professional services and expenses for the year ending February 1, 1874,		150 00
John Lanktree, for collecting taxes,	155 51	
Collecting poll taxes,	5 00	160 51
		$2,764 67

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Allen Waldo, error,	$5 40
Patrick Driscol, tax ordered 1872,	2 00
Ben. Weeks, " " "	2 00
John Brunell, " " "	2 00
Joseph Cye, " " "	2 00
David Elder, " " "	2 00
Isaac Charol, " " "	2 00
John Savage, " " "	2 00
Thomas Carney, " " 1871,	2 00
Mercy Gilson, error, 1872,	16 80
Heywood & Burbeck, error, 1873,	7 42
Amos Heywood, " "	3 65
Jesse Wright, " "	2 48
Osgood Estate, " "	33 00
A. P. Richardson, " "	2 00
" " " 1872,	60
J. W. Abbot, " 1873,	5 36
John Farrer, estate of, " "	4 65
J. A. Sampson, " "	5 47
Frank O. Decatur, " "	2 66
E. A. Gates, estate of, " "	2 07
M. Murphy, estate of, " "	3 00
Thomas McCloud, " "	2 00
James McCarty, " "	2 00
Elisha Huntress, " "	2 00
Ai Dane, " "	2 00
Carver Symms " "	2 00
John Carver, " "	2 00
W. Stewart, " "	2 00
Varnum T. Fletcher, " "	50
Daniel Irish, " "	2 00
Gilmer Stone, " "	3 30
G. M. L. Hildreth, " "	2 83
Frank O. Decatur, " 1871,	53
" " " 1872,	2 48
Hutchins Brothers, " "	1 50
Seth M. Moore, " ordered,	16 40
Luther W. Blodgett, " 1873,	37 63
S. A. Waters,	5 77
	$197 60

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

William Kittredge, road commissioner,	$329 60
George Laws, road commissioner,	146 80
L. W. Blodgett,	135 10
F. Caldwell, work on roads,	11 50
Amount carried forward,	$623 00

Amount brought forward,		$623 00
Eli Tower, breaking roads,		26 80
William Kittredge, and others, breaking roads,		30 10
Thomas Horan, breaking roads,		30 40
T. L. Griffin, breaking roads,		19 20
A. P. Reed, breaking roads,		44 45
A. W. Cummings, breaking roads,	$17 40	
Repairing road near S. D. Fletcher's,	38 00	55 40
John Morrison, work on road,		31 20
Stephen E. Hutchins, work on road,		36 20
John Dane, " "		11 20
Charles K. Fletcher, " "		4 00
A. R. Perham, breaking roads,		14 80
H. Cummings, " "		26 50
A. P. Richardson, " "		13 00
F. A. Fletcher, " "	95 00	
Use of wagon on roads,	12 00	107 00
C. F. Keyes, breaking roads,		3 60
C. L. Howard, " "		4 50
Josiah Vose, " "		13 55
Josiah Walker, " "		64 00
John Morrison, as surveyor,		50 00
Thomas Horan, "		50 00
William Kittredge, work on road,		4 60
C. H. Torrey, breaking roads,		15 70
Francis Caldwell, as surveyor,		59 20
Gilman Stone, breaking roads,		1 40
A. W. Cummings, repairing bridge near J. W. Cummings',		60 00
Josiah Walker, as surveyor,		66 94
Stephen E. Hutchins, "		59 28
A. P. Reed, "		55 85
Eli Tower, "		60 00
John Dane, "		56 50
Asa Nutting, work on roads,		10 00
S. D. Fletcher, " "		30 00
David Brinkerhoff, as surveyor,		55 00
F. A. Fletcher, "		62 95
S. N. Burbeck, breaking roads,		33 20
H. Cummings, as surveyor,		60 70
W. F. Balch, breaking roads,		8 00
A. P. Richardson, as surveyor,		53 40
T. L. Griffin, "		50 00
Geo. Laws, "	50 80	
Breaking roads,	24 00	74 80
A. W. Cummings, as surveyor,		63 00
W. F. Balch, "		55 20
O. W. Woodward, breaking roads,		3 20
Amount carried forward,		$2,259 82

Amount brought forward,	$2,259 82
John Morrison, work on roads,	3 40
Eli Tower, work on Town Hill road,	23 20
Edwin Gould, work on roads,	10 50
Jeptha Wright, breaking roads,	11 20
J. A. Sampson, " "	5 60
J. W. Keyes, " " 1871	2 40
William Reed, stone furnished for bridge,	4 00
	$2,320 12

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

W. A. Webster, repairs at No. 3,	$3 00	
Crayons, No. 3,	1 50	
Repairs at No. 1,	25	
Repairs at No. 6,	62	
Broom at No. 1,	50	$5 87
Hiram Dane, repairs at No. 1,	2 00	
Repairs at No. 8,	1 60	3 60
Committee to build school-house No. 4,		79 86
" " " No. 7,		800 00
W. M. Vose, repairing No. 5,		4 42
E. A. Stevens, work on No. 3,		3 20
David Brinkerhoff, work on No. 3,		5 00
S. D. Fletcher, insurance on No. 1,		9 00
Clara A. Smith, broom, crayons and brush for No. 4,		1 75
Edwin Gould, grading No. 10,	13 00	
Broom, chalk, &c., No. 9,	1 63	
Repairs, No. 8,	50	15 13
Insurance on school-house No. 5,		37 50
E. S. Fisk, repairing school-house No. 10,		150 90
Committee to build school-house No. 5,		1,999 84
" " " No. 1		3,044 91
Geo. E. Coburn, work on No. 3,	1 00	
Stove pipe,	4 80	5 80
J. W. Fletcher, repairs on school-houses,	5 50	
Chalk erasers, &c.,	1 50	
Books for teachers,	2 82	
Books for Chas. Carkin,	1 10	10 92
Committee to build school-house No. 6,		200 00
		$6,377 70

SUMMARY.

Town Officers,	$232 79
Library,	262 27
Incidental Expenses,	2,764 67
Abatement of Taxes,	197 60
Roads and Bridges,	2,320 12
School-Houses,	6,377 70
Overseers of the Poor,	2,000 00
State Aid,	696 00
Bounties,	113 00
Whole amount of orders,	$14,964 15

J. HENRY READ,
WILLIAM REED,
GEO. W. HEYWOOD, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

BOUNTIES.

The Selectmen have paid the following persons bounties on woodchucks and hawks:

C. A. Hamlin,	44	*a* 25c.	$11 00	Am't brought forward,			$68 00
A. P. Richardson,	6	"	1 50	John Ward,	6	*a* 25c.	$1 50
H. Hutchins,	7	"	1 75	John M. Carty,	8	"	2 00
Thomas Jenkins,	12	"	3 00	F. A. Fisher,	29	"	7 25
M. Reed,	12	"	3 00	T. L. Griffin,	8	"	2 00
L. E. Wilkins,	4	"	1 00	N. Prescott,	2	"	50
G. Drew,	20	"	5 00	A. Cameron,	6	"	1 50
W. A. Read,	18	"	4 50	A. Sweetser,	8	"	2 00
A. Leighton,	5	"	1 25	F. Caldwell,	4	"	1 00
H. G. Osgood,	10	"	2 50	J. Kimball,	5	"	1 25
S. M. Hutchins,	7	"	1 25	P. Wright,	2	"	50
G. A. Perham,	33	"	8 25	—— Hall,	6	"	1 50
Gibson & Proctor,	17	"	4 25	P. A. Carkin,	33	"	8 25
S. W. Walker,	29	"	7 25	J. W. Day,	2	"	50
G. W. Bussey,	6	"	1 50	G. Whitney,	4	"	1 00
J. Hutchins,	8	"	2 00	J. W. Keyes,	33	"	8 25
E. Gould,	12	"	3 00	Wright,	10	"	2 50
J. Vose,	15	"	3 75	E. S. Gould,	11	"	2 75
N. L. Prescott,	9	"	2 25	Joseph Gould,	3	"	75
Am't carried forward,			$68 00				$113 00

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee chosen to build the new School-house in District No. 7, submit the following report:

Paid for land,	$ 25 00
" to W. G. Howe, for building,	1,378 50
" for stone work and trenching,	196 00
" for well and pump,	68 50
" for furniture,	272 28
" H. Hamblet, setting batters,	2 00
" for stove and fixtures,	33 06
" G. Bussey, for grading,	4 00
" for setting furniture,	14 30
" for purchase of furniture,	4 31
" for freight,	2 05
Total expense,	$2,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES EDWARDS, } *Building*
JAMES CALLAHAN, } *Committee.*

WESTFORD, January, 1874.

COST OF SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 5.

Paid for land,	$ 50 00
" for lumber,	688 09
" N. S. Hamlin, for stone,	72 74
" L. Sweetser, for work, $396.56, and $343.20,	739 76
" for painting,	47 92
" for mason work,	35 62
" S. D. Fletcher,	56 63
" Wright & Fletcher,	34 91
" J. B. Fletcher,	5 10
" E. Symmes, surveying,	2 00
" W. Livingston,	64 93
" N. B. Favor,	87 30
" for brick,	7 00
" for stove and fixings,	45 25
" for school furniture and freight,	256 73
" Hardware trimmings,	31 46
	$2,225 44
Lumber left over,	20 00
	$2,205 44

GEORGE HUTCHINS, } *Com. to build*
JOHN HUTCHINS, } *School-house*
JOHN WILSON, } *No. 5.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report, for the support of the poor from February 8th, 1873, to February 8th, 1874.

Amount of personal property at the Alms House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee, February 8, 1874,	$2,784 47
February 8, 1873,	2,503 96
Gain on personal property,	$ 280 51
Income from the farm, as by Mr. Bagley's books:	
Received for milk,	$420 40
" for seven calves,	77 00
" for fat cow,	37 20
" for potatoes,	12 00
" for straw,	7 00
" for calf-skin and corn,	1 20
" from I. E. Day,	95 33
" in part payment for board of Amos Hildreth,	47 97
" for board of Mrs. Gage,	100 78
" from last year's settlement,	63 95
Cash drawn from the Treasurer,	2,000 00
from Overseers of last year,	67 31
for two oxen,	270 00
for Mrs. Frost's bill, of the town of Hudson,	277 74
for boards,	69 24
for State paupers,	40 28
for spoons,	8 00
from Gilbert Parker,	109 00
	$3,704 49

PAYMENTS.

Paid for four cows,	$235 00
for Rufus Keyes, at hospital,	212 40
for Alden Woodward, at hospital,	225 23
S. Hoyel,	49 50
for mowing brush on the Poor Farm,	65 50
Samuel Wiley, for goods, on account of Mrs. James M. Parker's children,	78 46
F. A. Fletcher, on account of Parker children,	17 39
Thomas Drew, for meat for Mrs. Parker,	13 00
F. A. Fletcher, for wood furnished Mrs. James M. Parker for the year 1862,	29 02
Abel Prescott, for flour and grain,	95 70
J. Henry Read, for mowing machine,	100 00
W. A. Webster, for medical attendance at the Alms House,	61 75
" " for State pauper,	4 50
N. B. Robbins, for three coffins,	37 00
Amount Carried forward,	$1,224 45

Amount brought forward,	$1,224 45
Paid the City of Charlestown, for John Y. French,	10 37
J. O. Kidder, for work at the Alms House,	12 50
for one ox yoke,	3 00
Rev. L. Luce, for attending Mrs. Adams's funeral,	2 00
for pasturing two cows,	12 50
I. E. Day, for meat,	24 72
Mr. Bagley, for the use of the poor,	316 95
George Read, for one cow,	62 00
" " for one buffalo robe,	8 00
" " for one cultivator,	5 00
for board and nursing a Frenchman,	8 00
J. R. Bagley for services, self and wife as Master and Matron of Alms House, from April 1st, 1872, to March 31st, 1873, inclusive,	425 00
for labor of J. R. Bagley, Jr., to April 1st, 1873,	44 25
Williett Bagley, for labor at the Alms House to April 1st, 1873,	72 50
Town of Hudson, for Mrs. Frost's goods,	57 74
John Jones, on account of Mary Kemp,	10 00
Mary Kemp, part car fare to Randolph,	3 00
Williett Bagley, in part for labor the past year,	32 00
Oren Coolidge, time spent about Mrs. H. Frost's settlement,	13 00
for moving William Dawson to the Alms House,	2 00
for time spent buying cows,	5 00
for carrying pauper to the Alms House,	1 00
for services as Overseers of the Poor,	10 00
for a registered letter,	18
J. H. Read, for services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
N. S. Hamblin, for services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
" for making report to the State,	5 00
" on acc't of Mrs. H. T. Nichols' settlement,	2 00
" for searching records on account of Mrs. Frost's settlement,	5 00
" for time spent in looking up the settlement of James A. Graham, and going to Fall River,	8 50
for time spent going to Lowell twice about James M. Parker's children,	3 00
Wright & Co., as per bill,	1 85
car fare to the State Alms House,	1 50
N. S. Hamblin, for time and expenses to Natick and Sherburn about Mrs. Frost's settlement,	10 00
" for time spent in sending Joseph Toint to State Alms House,	1 00
" for time spent in going to Lowell about S. Hoyel, twice,	2 00
" for drag plank,	2 40
Amount carried forward,	$2,427 41

Amount brought forward,	$2,427 41
Paid N. S. Hamblin, for time spent going to Randolph to see about Mary Kemp,	8 00
for time spent going to Boston, to see about Mrs. Frost's settlement,	4 00
for time and expenses going to Ipswich, to see about Mrs. Fletcher,	5 20
for time spent in burying Michael Scally,	1 50
for time spent in going to Lowell, and to see about the settlement of Mary A. Burnett,	5 00
for time and expenses in going to Cambridge, to look up the settlement of Jacob Read,	4 00
for time spent on account of the Furlong children,	3 50
for time spent respecting the place of Mrs. Rachel Read's settlement,	2 00
for going to Charlestown and Boston, to find the settlement of John Y. French,	3 00
Wright & Fletcher, for goods,	1 04
Mrs. Harrison, for washing for Mrs. Frost,	1 50
Julian Abbott, for administering oaths to the Overseers of the Poor,	50

Bills Paid by Mr. Bagley, as by his Books.

Paid for corn and meal,	$112 51	Am't brought forward,	$684 08
flour,	70 91	grass seed,	9 40
butter and cheese,	115 46	soap,	11 05
groceries,	118 78	labor on the farm,	134 20
baker's bread,	18 19	blacksmithing,	12 78
freight on the cars,	6 17	crockery,	6 75
nails,	2 88	making cider,	50
medicine,	34 54	repairing boots and shoes,	1 33
fresh fish,	32 48	expense to State Alms House,	1 75
farming tools,	13 64	as by his books,	8 25
fresh meat,	86 11		
dry goods,	72 41		
Am't carried forward,	$684 08		$870 09

Total,	$,3,320 70

STATEMENT

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Town, for the Year ending Feb. 8, 1874.

Amount drawn from the Treasurer,	$2,000 00
Received from last year's Overseers,	67 31
" from the Town of Hudson, for Mrs. Frost,	277 74
" for board,	69 24
" for State paupers,	40 28
" from Gilbert Parker,	109 00
" from the sale of silver spoons,	8 00
	$2,571 57

RESOURCES.

Paid the Town Treasurer,.....		$634 75
Due for milk,.....		171 50
Due from the County,.....		22 00
Gain on personal property,.....		280 00
Due from Mr. Bagley,.....		18 92
		$1,127 17
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of the interest on the farm,.....		$1,444 40
Cost of supporting the poor out of the Alms House,..748 37		
" " " in the Alms House,....705 49		
The number supported in the Alms House the past year,..		7
Average number,.....		5
Number receiving assistance by two meals and lodging,..		166
" receiving one meal,.....		111
" assisted out of the Alms House,.....		12

N. S. HAMBLIN,
OREN COOLIDGE,
J. HENRY READ,
Overseers of the Poor of Westford.

PERSONAL APPRAISAL

OF PROPERTY AT ALMS HOUSE IN WESTFORD.

1 horse, $70; 1 harness, 22; 1 draught harness, 7; old harness, 50 cts.; curry-comb and brush, 1; 10 cows, 450; 13 tons English hay, 325; 6 tons stock hay, 90; corn fodder, 15; oat straw, 8; hay forks, 4; meal boxes, 6; wind mill, 4; corn sheller, 5; 75 bushels corn, 37.50; 12 bushels oats, 7.50; shorts, 8; hay cutter and feed box, 10; 2 mowing machines, 125; flails, 1; 1 set measures, 50c.; 40 flour barrels, 8; 10 bags, 3; apple picker, 50c.; 2 drag rakes, 1.50; 5 chains, 4.50; 3 ox-yokes, 10; 6 iron bars, 6; 3 ploughs, 10; 2 cultivators, 6; 3 shovels, 3; 2 spades, 1; 4 manure forks, 4; manure hook, 1; 1 pick, 75c.; ditching knife, 50c.; 2 bog hoes, 75c.; shafts and 2 axles, 3; 3 water tubs, 1.50; muzzles, 25c.; 4 ladders and hooks, 11; 2 ox-carts, 70; 1 farm wagon and hay wagon, 50; 25 fowls, 15; 1 hog hook, 50c.; 2 whiffletrees, 1.50; 1 horse wagon, 28; 1 sleigh, 10; 1 ox sled, 4; 1 horse sled, 3; 14 tie chains, 3.50; 1 blanket and surcingle, 10; 1 hog, 30; cart and sled spire, 4; 1 cow bell, 50c.; 7 scythes and snathes, 12; 1 grindstone and machine, 8; wheelbarrow, 3; 8 axes, 4; carpenter's tools, 70; copper kettle, 2; 5 wood saws, 4; 5 hoes, 2.50; 7 rakes and garden rakes, 2.75; stove pipe, 2.25; 12 baskets, 5; grain cradle, 1; 4 saw horses, 1; 7 bushels white and colored beans, 21; washing machine, 4; meal chests and meal, 5; 3 harrows, 12; 1 drag, 3; 1 string of bells, 25c.;

soap, 2; 10 gallons pickles, 4; 15 pounds butter, 6; 7 stone jars, 6; gallon measure, 50c.; 325 pounds salt pork, 32.50; boiled cider, 3; vinegar, 4; 8 cider casks, 8; garden vegetables, 10; molasses and barrel, 2; kerosene oil and can, 5; wash tubs, 5; cook stove, 75; air-tight stoves, 21; 1 Franklin stove, 2; 63 milk pans, 12; 13 tin pails, 6; wash basins, 2; tin ware, 15; coffee mill, 50c.; wooden bowl, 50c.; clothes wringer, 6; water pot, 1; 80 lbs. lard, 11.20; 45 pounds tallow, 3.60; saleratus, 18c.; cream tartar, 1; butter moulds, 1.75; bar soap, 2.80; churn, 3; dried apples, 3.50; rice, 1.50; butter tubs, 1; 3 butter boxes, 1; bread trough, 1; paint stock, 1; apple parers, 1; candle mould, 50c.; sausage filler, 25c.; sugar, 75c.; salt, 50c.; spices, 2; pairs steelyards, 80c.; wash bowls, 1; oil cans, 1.50; iron pots, 2; tea kettle, 75; porcelain kettle, 1.50; iron griddle, 75c.; chopping knife and trays, 2; wooden bowl, 50c.; waiter, 1; clothes bars, 1; iron bread pans, 1.50; earthen pots, 1; stove blacking and brush, 75c.; 7 brooms, 4.34; tea, 2.40; coffee, 40c.; mortar, 50c.; spice boxes, 40c.; flour, 10; seives, 1; jugs, 2; lamps and lantern, 3; knives, forks and spoons, 4; crockery, 11; set shovels and tongs, 3; corn parcher, 50; candlesticks, 50c.; fresh pork, 3; clothes dryer, 1; 152½ lbs. ham, 21.50; 175 bush. potatoes, 131.25; eggs, 1.50; tumblers, 60c.; lot of chests, 15; 8 trunks, 21; cases drawers, 5; light of glass, 80c.; 9 lamp chimneys, 90c.; 10 bedsteads and beds, 100; 6 rocking chairs, 5.25; 1 cabinet chair, 2.50; table cloth and towels, 6; old clothing, 15; bedding, 175; cradle, 2; 2 clocks, 5; 11 tables, 11; clothes basket and line, 3; 16 window curtains, 3.50; 2 looking glasses, 1.50; 6 flat irons, 3; ash shovels, &c., 3.50; rifle, 5; watches, 6; gold necklace, 7; handcuffs and fetters, 2; bed pan, 1.50; 2 injection pipes, 4.50; old iron, 3; mop handles, 80c.; entry mats, 75c.; 1½ lbs. Japan tea, 1.35; dinner bell, 75c.; sickles, 1; beetle rings and wedges, 2; steel trap, 75c.; 5 meat barrels, 4; meat fork, wrenches and hammer, 2; butter worker, 75c.; 19 cords of wood in shed, 76; boards and planks, 25; hat and boots, 2; Miss Adams's clothing, 6; brushes, 1.50.

Mrs. Frost.—Bureau, 5; 2 rocking chairs, 2; 7 chairs, 3.50; 2 tables, 2; 1 shawl, 3; bed and bed clothes, 25; 3 window curtains, 6; crockery, 5; trunk and contents, 11.50; caster, 1; clothing and flat iron, 15; tray, 1.

Amount February 8, 1874,	$2,782 47
" " 8, 1873,	2,503 96
Gain on personal property,	$ 279 51

ALVIN FISHER,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
H. A. HILDRETH,
Appraisers of property at Poor Farm.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1875.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE, HUSE & CO., BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS, No. 130 CENTRAL STREET.
1875.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1874.

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN,

J. HENRY READ, GEO. W. HEYWOOD, WILLIAM REED.

ASSESSORS,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ASAPH B. CUTTER,
ASA HILDRETH.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN, ORIN COOLIDGE,
J. HENRY READ.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. Henry Read,	Arthur Wright,	George E. Coburn,
William E. Frost,	Alonzo P. Reed,	Edwin Gould,
William A. Cram,	John W. Fletcher,	James Callahan,
William L. Kittredge,	Augustus Bunce,	Geo. Hutchins.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JOHN LANKTREE.

FENCE VIEWERS,

ELI TOWER, E. G. SPALDING, JOSIAH O. WRIGHT.

CONSTABLES,

William L. Kittredge, Albert P. Richardson, Isaac E. Day,
W. S. Shepherd, Eben Tufts, Henry Hamlin,
Joseph Wall, Nathaniel Sweetser, Edwin E. Wright.
Geo. W. Cummings, J. William Fletcher, Timothy Fletcher,
Charles H. Fletcher, Henry Chamberlin.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM.

Alvan Fisher, Henry A. Hildreth, Asa Spalding.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS,

Dist. No. 1— Reuben Sargent,
" " 2— J. R. Butterfield,
" " 3—William Kittredge,
" " 4—Benjamin G. Brooks,
" " 5—John Dane,
" " 6—J. W. Keyes,
" " 7—B. V. Lyon,
" " 8—D. P. Lawrence,
" " 9—Geo. W. Cummings,
Dist. No. 10—Orin Coolidge,
" " 11—S. N. Burbeck,
" " 12—George Laws,
" " 13—T. L. Griffin,
" " 14—Nath'l Sweetser,
" " 15—Amos Leighton,
" " 16—A. W. Howe,
" " 17—Lyman A. Smith,
" " 18—Josiah Walker.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

GEO. T. DAY, WM. E. FROST, MRS. J. W. P. ABBOT.

LIBRARIAN—TRUE A. BEAN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—TRUE A. BEAN.

WEIGHERS OF HAY,

John B. Fletcher, Jacob Smith, N. H. Wright,
S. A. Hamblin, Geo. W. Heywood, John M. Fletcher,
Arthur Wright, A. J. Abbot.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

Cyrus Hamlin,	T. H. Hamblet,	Oliver Woodward,
T. A. Norton,	Henry Hamlin,	A. W. Frederick,
E. A. Stevens,	Geo. W. Cummings,	W. O. Hawkes,
Arthur Wright,	Jacob Smith,	Allan R. Perham,
Charles E. Whidden,	S. A. Hamblin,	A. J. Blaisdell,
Franklin A. Fletcher,	Daniel Falls,	Lorenzo Sweetser,
H. H. Decatur,	George H. Prescott,	W. H. H. Burbeck.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES—ALLAN R. PERHAM.

FIELD DRIVERS,

Sherman H. Fletcher,	J. William Fletcher,	Fletcher Peckens,
Edward Henry Holt,	John McCartee,	William M. Vose.

MEASURERS OF GRAIN, AND WEIGHERS OF COAL,

JACOB SMITH, AUSTIN T. KIMBALL.

MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1874.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
January 8.....	Sherman Heywood Fletcher....	27	Westford,	Westford.
	Mary Elizabeth Richardson....	26	Westford,	Westford.
February 12....	John McCartee.....	24	Westford,	Chelmsford.
	Ida T. Prescott.....	16	Lowell,	Nashua, N. H.
February 21....	Thomas Wing.....	25	Westford,	London, Eng.
	Sarah Jane Keyser.....	19	Westford,	Groton.
March 3.....	Albert Pierce Richardson.....	30	Westford,	Jaffery, N. H.
	Alma Minot.....	25	Westford,	Westford.
March 25.....	Warren Samuel Jones.....	26	Ayer,	Marlboro', N. H.
	Sarah Ann Day.....	25	Westford,	Westford.
March 30.	George W. Bent.....	38	Boston,	Croghan, N. Y.
	Fannie A. (Nutting) Everett....	28	Westford,	Groton.
April 2.....	John Stewart.....	29	Littleton,	Montville, Me.
	Susie A. (Hynes) Phillips.....	35	Littleton,	Bangor, Me.
April 8.....	Lewis Cass Dane.....	23	Westford,	Westford.
	Lena Viola Blodgett.....	18	Westford,	Westford.
May 30.....	Jonathan Taylor Colburn.....	35	Nashua, N. H.	Hollis, N. H.
	Mary Lizzie Day..	33	Westford,	Westford.
May 31.....	Henry K. Going.....	29	Townsend,	Townsend.
	Nellie Prescott.....	18	Westford,	Westford.
June 2.....	Brigham Mason.....	24	Providence, R. I.	Swansy.
	Lizzie Myner.....	19	Westford,	
July 2.....	David C. Harris.....	23	Westford,	England.
	Jennie B. Fitch.....	18	Westford,	Groton.
July 12	John Edwin Holden.....	30	Westford,	Shirley.
	Sybil Chamberlin Coburn.....	32	Westford,	Tyngsboro'.
August 22.....	Edgar Forest Nutting.....	23	Westford,	Groton.
	Louisa Mary Smith.....	23	Dexter, Me.	Bangor.
September 3...	Emory Jay Whitney.....	24	Westford,	Highgate, Vt.
	Carrie Maria Hutchins	23	Westford,	Westford.
September 23..	Samuel Law Taylor	29	Westford,	Westford.
	Alta Mahala Schellenger.....	21	Lowell,	Stockholm, N. Y.
October 1.....	George Wright Pelsue.....	28	W. Chelmsford,	Lowell.
	Caroline Lee..	27	Westford,	Leeds, Eng.
October 3.....	Nathan Woodman Randall.....	20	Wilmington, Me.	Wellington, Me.
	Flora Eveline Bridges.....	18	Westford,	Sangerville, Me.
October 3.....	William Prinn.....	25	Westford,	Devonshire, Eng.
	Caroline Mary Willis.....	19	Westford,	Devonshire, Eng.
October 6.....	Benj. Franklin Blaisdell.....	29	Carlisle,	Carlisle.
	Sarah L. Hutchins.....	21	Carlisle,	New York.
October 17.....	John W. Heald.....	25	Carlisle,	Carlisle.
	Mary A. Parker.....	23	Westford,	Westford.
October 20.....	William Bartlett Wheeler.....	21	Lowell,	Lowell.
	Ellen E. Cummings Graves.....	21	Westford,	Barre.
November 18..	Artemas Ward Cummings.....	58	Westford,	Westford.
	Sarah Peabody Wright.....	36	Westford,	Westford.
November 26..	Frank J. Spaulding.	23	Chelmsford,	Chelmsford.
	Julia L. Fletcher.....	19	Westford,	Westford.
December 15...	George Jefferson Sherburne....	27	Westford,	Tyngsboro'.
	Ada Almeda Blodget.....	21	Westford,	Westford.
December 30...	George Francis Dailey.....	21	Westford,	Reading, Mass.
	Margaret Casey.....	18	Westford,	Westford.

Marriages recorded.....26
Marriages between natives.....22
Marriages between foreigners..... 1
Marriages between natives and foreigners..... 3

BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1874.

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS.
January 3	Ella Maria Searles	Charles J. and Martha M. (Bicknell) Searles.
" 18	Howard Fanklin Fillebrown	Fred. W. & Clara A. F. (Prescott) Fillebrown.
February 16	Effie May Blodgett	Thaddeus A. and Almira (Perham) Blodgett.
" 19	William Henry Curren	William and Mary (Egen) Curren.
" 27	Abbie May Evans	Miner H. A. and Hattie R. (Sargent) Evans,
March 1	Clara Mabel York	John A. and Agnes (Plummer) York.
" 7	Edward Craven	Edward and Emily L. (Irish) Craven.
April 3	Mary Eliza Burbeck	John and Adeline (Tower) Burbeck.
" 6	Allan Cameron	Allan and Eleanor F. (Flint) Cameron.
" 17	Clarence Edgar Burbank	John A. and Rosena A (Clark) Burbank.
" 18	Marion Mabel Bailey	John and Martha (Barr) Bailey.
" 19	Ada Ann Wing	William and Ann (Willis) Wing.
" 23	Margaret Harrington	Patrick and Mary F. (Harrington) Harrington.
" 25	William Henry Holt	Edward H. & Julia A. (Sawtelle) Holt.
" 26	Carrie Elizabeth Whitney	Joseph and Mary H. (Reed) Whitney.
May 4	Joseph Lucier	Joseph and Margaret (La Bounty) Lucier.
" 6	Mary Jane Burke	Dennis and Abigail (Whalley) Burke.
" 12	Arthur Frederic Horne	George F. and Abby J. (Cummings) Horne.
" 13	Maud Alice Dane	Lewis C. and Lena V. (Blodgett) Dane.
" 16	Archibald Gardner Bell	Hugh and Isabella (Gardner) Bell.
" 17	Henry Stanwood Dane	Ai and Alma Louisa (Page) Dane.
June 13	Percy Erford Blood	George A. and Lucy A. (Nutting) Blood.
" 18	Mary Eliza Normandin	Theophile and Mary (Raymond) Normandin.
" 22	Julia Remmes	Theodor and Theresa (Schurman) Remmes.
" 28	Alice Louisa Harris	William A. and Alice A. (Baker) Harris.
" 29	Arthur Samuel Harris	Charles A. and Sarah M. (Turnbull) Harris.
July 21	Mary Clara Folland	William H. and Belvidera (Soper) Folland.
" 29	Daniel Francis McGlinchy	James and Ella (Egen) McGlinchy.
August 2	Clifford Wallace Closson	James E. and Lillia D. (Bigelow) Closson.
" 3	Mary Juliah Lucier	Nelson and Julia (Habert) Lucier.
" 11	Jane Robinson	Frederic and Lydia (Rhodes) Robinson.
" 17	Emma Augusta Butterworth	John T. & Catherine E. (Gannon) Butterworth.
" 22	Edward Fisher	Alvan and Amanda (Tower) Fisher.
" 25	Emma Norton (illegitimate)	Frank Norton & Mary A. Harris, (or Allison).
" 31	Eleanor Louisa Fletcher	Charles H. and Mary E. (Leighton) Fletcher.
September 5	Harwood Livingston Wright	N. Harwood & Abby P. F. (Livingston) Wright.
" 9	John Herbert Lanktree	John and Susan E. L. (Garland) Lanktree.
" 17	Malvina Gaudette	Alexander and Natalie (Cyr) Gaudette.
" 19	Julia Maria Chamberlin	Henry and Mary E. (Read) Chamberlin.
" 24	Wesley George Edwards	George S. and Sarah (Shepherd) Edwards.
October 7	Elmer Stiles	William W. and Katie (McCartee) Stiles.
" 12	Harry Brooks Prescott	Noah and Francis A. (Tower) Prescott.
" 19	Allan Hamilton	Henry H. and Helen (McGregor) Hamilton.
" 22	William Henry Edgerly Carrie May Edgerly	Joseph and Rosanna (Casey) Edgerly.
November 7	James Herbert Prescott	George H. and Sophia (Carter) Prescott.
" 11	Martin McNamara	Michael and Nancy (Conley) McNamara.
" 12	Mary Maria Powers	Michael and Bridget (Sullivan) Powers.
" 13	——— Clark	Paul F. S. and Amy (Tower) Clark.
" 17	Joseph Lepine	Francis and Mary J. (Kalley) Lepine.
" 22	Mary Blanche Bicknell	Geo. & Mary Saunders, (adopted by Ai Bicknell
" 26	Cora Isabella Thorning	Aug. W. and Marg't A. (McFarland) Thorning.
December 5	Permelia Josephine Closson	Orrin S. and Huldah (Campbell) Closson.
" 16	Emma Florilla Felch	John P. and Ann Maria (Kendall) Felch.

Births recorded	54
Males	26
Females	28
Births of native parentage	27
Births of foreign parentage	15
Births of native and foreign parentage	12

DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1874.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
January 13	Francis W. Goodhue	37	11	21
" 18	Rebecca A. Goodhue	78	5	6
" 19	Rebecca Ober	69	4	10
" 21	Luther Howard	82	5	13
" 27	Sally F. Reed	88	—	12
" 29	Isa E. Parker	15	7	20
February 5	David Parker	87	8	20
" 14	Oliver Wright	76	—	16
" 20	Betsy Babbit	76	8	5
" 25	Mary Jane Callahan	14	3	20
April 20	Hannah Josephine Sheahan	4	1	17
May 10	Josie L. Harris	23	—	—
" 20	Daniel Leighton	67	2	3
" 22	Samuel Harris	20	1	—
" 24	George Laws	54	5	5
" 27	Mary H. Read	75	10	27
June 6	Freddie Ernest Leighton	—	7	1
" 13	Gilbert Parker	77	2	17
" 27	Ora Louisa Day	1	3	—
July 22	Charlotte Bussey	21	11	28
August 2	Edward Craven	—	4	26
" 11	Joseph Bernard	—	2	—
" 12	Peter Coburn	45	6	6
September 9	Calvin Derby	62	—	—
October 3	Emma Norton	—	1	9
" 12	Lydia Keyes	81	11	5
" 18	Timothy Callahan	57	5	17
" 30	William H. Decatur	9	5	19
November 2	Ruth W. Allen	35	11	—
" 7	Infant child of Geo. H. Prescott	—	—	—
" 15	Harriet H. Wright	32	4	25
" 16	Elizabeth Lee	55	8	10
December 18	Margaret O'Brien	18	8	3

Whole number, 33.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., DECEMBER 1, 1874.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, one hundred seventy-eight $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars for dog licenses, as per his account of 30th ult. $178.20.

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1874.

Abbot, J. W.
Banister, F. W.
Banister, J. F.
Bean, T. A.—2
Blaisdell, A. J.
Blodgett, G. W.
Blodgett, T. A.
Brinckerhoff, D.
Brooks, B. G.
Butterfield, J.
Butterworth, J. T.
Carkin, C. H.
Carkin, I. W.
Closson, O. S.
Comey, W. W.
Cooledge, Oren.
Cummings, J. W.
Cummings, Walter.
Day, Amos.
Day, G. T.
Day, I. E.
Decatur, C. A.
Decatur, John.
Desmond, J.
Dillings, J.
Drew, Greenleaf.
Drew, Thomas.
Durent, J.
Edwards, Moses.
Fisher, Alvan.
Fisk, Allen.
Fletcher, Almira.
Fletcher, Andrew.
Fletcher, B. M.
Fletcher, L. L.
Fletcher, S. D.
Gilson, L. S.
Gould, Edwin.
Greig, John.
Hamlin, Henry.
Hawkes, W. O.
Hildreth, H. A.
Holdsworth, D.
Horan, Thomas.
Horne, G. F.
Hutchins, Geo.
Hutchins, John, Jr.
Keyes, J. W.
Kittredge, W.
Lee, Noah A.
Lee, William.
Leighton, Amos.
Leland, Ira.
Lyon, B. V.
McGlencia, James.
Moore, E. A.
Mullen, James.
O'Brien, James.
O'Brien, Michael.
Osgood, H. G.
Perham, A. R.
Perham, G. A.
Polley, A. G.
Prescott, J. F.
Read, J. H.
Read, W. A.
Reed, Merrick.
Reed, Wm., 1st.
Robinson, F.
Sargent, C. G.
Shaw, T. P.
Sheahan, A.
Shugrue, Patrick.
Smith, L. A.
Smith, M. A.—2
Spaulding, C. W.
Sprague, I. W.
Sweetser, Nathaniel.
Swett, F. A.
Taylor, I. R.
Vose, W. M.
Ward, Daniel.
Whitney, H. J.
Whitney, S.
Whitney, W. M.
Wood, Almon.
Worcester, I. S.
Wright, Arthur—2
Wright, Erastus.
Wright, J. M.

Whole number licensed,	94
Males,	91
Females,	3

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 11, 1875.

The committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer for the year ending at date, submit the following report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash in Treasury at last settlement	$1,138 80
Cash borrowed	17,455 92
Corporation tax 1874, in part	830 11
National Bank tax 1874	800 20
State Aid to Soldiers' Families, in part 1873	600 00
State School Fund for 1873–4	274 98
State on account of paupers by Overseers of Poor	207 04
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1874	142 29
T. A. Bean, rent Town Hall	61 50
David P. Lawrence, old school-house No. 3	102 50
A. W. Howe, " " " " 4	50 00
Noah Prescott, " " " " 2	25 00
S. N. Burbeck, " " " " 6	51 00
Geo. A. Parker, " " " " 5	79 00
Dividend, People's Ins. Company, Worcester	26 67
James Callahan, for pump	12 00
Luther Prescott, auctioneer's license	2 00
Samuel M. Hutchins, grass east cemetery	15 50
Geo. T. Day, for iron safe	30 00
Traders & Mechanics' Ins. Co.'s damage at Poor House	75 00
Arthur Wright, error in order corrected	16 05
Aug. Bunce, as building committee, school-house No. 6,	17 86
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed, guardian, error corrected	4 00
Amount carried forward	$22,017 42

Amount brought forward	$22,017 42
County Treasurer, interest on advance tax	11 36
John Lanktree, interest on taxes	25 23
T. A. Bean, glass sold	1 00
Mechanics' & Farmers' Ins. dividend	90
Asa Hildreth, Collector in 1871, in full	21 97
" " " " 1872, " "	74 85
John Lanktree, " " 1873	1,512 47
" " before Oct. 6th, 1874	9,050 38
" " " Dec. 6th, 1874	3,319 51
" " after " " 1874	2,677 00
	$38,712 09

PAYMENTS.

First National Bank, Lowell	9,000 00	
Mrs. Eliza S. Wright, note and interest	846 82	
William Reed, 1st, notes and interest	3,168 54	
J. Henry Read, note and interest	513 73	
Westford Mutual Fire Ins. Co.'s notes & int.	2,055 91	
A. W. Cummings, note and interest	620 67	
Eli Towers, note and interest	102 72	
Sarah S. Reed, guardian, note and interest	407 48	
	$16,515 87	
Interest on other notes	1,514 95	
State tax, 1874	1,660 00	
County tax, "	1,135 94	
Overseers Poor on orders	2,142 00	
Other orders	9,823 65	
Schools	3,153 92	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	2,765 76	
		$38,712 09

Your committee further report that the town is indebted to the following persons on notes and other claims.

Sally B. Cummings, note	$ 300 00
Nahum H. Wright, note	2,200 00
Alson Tuttle, note	2,000 00
William Reed, 1st, note	3,000 00
Elizabeth C. Heywood, note	1,665 00
Alvan Fisher, note	1,200 00
Sarah S. Reed, note	1,800 00
Eli Tower, note	2,000 00
Amos Heywood note	400 00
Sarah B. Lund, note	1,000 00
Amount carried forward	$15,565 00

Amount brought forward	$15,565 00
Abigail Lawrence, note	350 00
Charles L. Fletcher, note	1,400 00
Jesse Wright, note	2,000 00
Daniel Flagg, note	450 00
Ira Leland, note	300 00
Caroline M. Davis, note	1,000 00
John Lanktree, note	125 00
Alonzo P. Reed, note	100 00
George R. Harrison, note	100 00
Ruth Farley, note	100 00
Hannah M. Whitcomb, note	200 00
Mrs. D. C. Harris, note	800 00
Clara A. Smith, note	100 00
Arabella R. Prescott, note	150 00
John H. Kendall, note	900 00
Louisa Gilson, note	1,000 00
Jerome F. Gilson, note	500 00
Trustees of Westford Academy	2,000 00
Martha J. Reed	400 00
	$27,540 00
Interest accrued on the above notes	1,365 90
Balance appropriation for schools unexpended,	1,557 74
Due for land taken from school-house No. 9,	100 00
Outstanding orders	43 84
	$30,607 48

RESOURCES.

Balance due from State Aid to soldiers' families, 1870–3	226 00	
Due from State, ditto, 1874	620 00	
Old school-house No. 1	850 00	
John Lanktree, Collector, 1873	176 68	
" " " 1874	1,524 61	
Cash in Treasury	2,765 76	
		$6,163 05
Balance against the town, Feb. 11, 1875		$24,444 43
" " " " " 12, 1874		25,153 04
Decrease of liabilities		$708 61

ISAAC E. DAY,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN, } *Committee.*
NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer's salary to March 1st, 1874	$50 00	
Entertainment furnished Committee to reckon and settle with Treasurer	4 00	
Time and expense paying State and County taxes, and collecting Corporation and Bank taxes	8 00	
Time and expense Insuring Poor Farm buildings and school-houses 1 and 5,	5 00	
Time and expense borrowing money, paying notes out of town, and settling the Osgood claim	6 00	$73 00
E. R. Hodgman, Town Clerk's salary	12 00	
Postage and express	3 67	
Going to Tyngsboro'	3 00	
Copy for Town Report	1 50	
Recording 57 births	28 50	
" 20 deaths	4 00	
" 13 deaths	1 30	
" 26 marriages	3 90	
Going to East Cambridge	3 00	60 87
J. Henry Read, making Town and State Aid Reports, Road and Dog Warrants, and services as Selectman	20 00	
Extra time as Selectman	25 00	45 00
William Reed, services as Selectman	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman	20 00	25 00
Geo. W. Heywood, services as Selectman	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman	20 00	25 00
		$228 87
Library Committee, for new books as per bill		328 60

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

T. A. Bean, janitor and librarian		$150 00
A. W. Cummings, appraising property at Poor Farm		3 00
Luther Prescott, writing Deeds	5 00	
Services as Auctioneer	5 00	10 00
Stone, Huse & Co., printing certificates	2 75	
Bills and blanks	10 25	
500 town reports	47 54	
300 school reports	27 00	
2,000 bill heads	8 00	95 54
George W. Cummings, work on east burying ground	36 00	
Laying wall at east burying ground	84 00	120 00
Mrs. C. M. Davis, for land damage, and gravel taken for roads Aug., 1869		18 00
Henry K. Going, damage on road July 4		28 25
W. E. Frost, labor on catalogue		4 00
A. S. Wright, work on library		3 50
S. G. Mack & Co., 50 lbs. pipe and elbows	10 60	
Work on furnace	4 37	14 97
S. D. Fletcher, time and expense to pay notes, recording deeds, insuring school-houses 1 and 6, and expenses to Boston		12 65
T. Costello, work on town house		11 56
George Drew, labor and lumber, repairing town house		35 12
Hiram Dane, work on town house		1 00
Bosworth & Hamlin, 9,860 lbs. coal for town house		49 30
S. M. Hutching, labor and care of east cemetery		20 40
C. H. Fletcher, posting warrants	6 00	
Collecting dog taxes	5 00	11 00
A. P. Bonney, professional services		100 00
William Kittredge, attending 15 funerals	26 25	
Returning deaths, &c.	5 25	31 50
John Lanktree, collecting taxes	153 74	
Collecting poll taxes	5 00	
Counsel	3 00	161 74
A. Nutting, building gate, and work on north cemetery		20 17
S. D. Fletcher, cash paid for steel letters for sealer of weights and measures		1 00
Amount carried forward		$902 70

Amount brought forward		$902 70
T. A. Bean, services as sealer of weights and measures	14 50	
Extra work on library	20 68	
Sawing wood	11 75	
Binding books	25 80	72 73
Wright & Fletcher, 15 gallons kerosene oil	3 75	
9 gallons kerosene oil	1 71	
Postage, stationery, school books	48 00	
Nails, oil, &c., for town house	2 62	56 08
Heywood, Burbeck & Prescott, 3 cords birch wood	18 00	
2 cords pine wood	10 00	28 00
Marden & Rowell printing 1,000 tax bills	4 75	
100 catalogue supplements	26 00	
Library cards	8 00	38 75
E. Tufts, sealer of weights and measures, 1873,		7 75
Union Society, use of bell		7 50
W. L. Kittredge, posting warrants		3 00
George F. Hunt, Insuring school-house No. 1,		100 00
A. B. Cutter, 18 days as Assessor		54 00
Edward Prescott, 27 days as Assessor	81 00	
Express	30	81 30
Alvan Fisher, appraising property at Poor Farm		2 00
Amos Day, work on west cemetery		6 50
George W. Coburn & Son, Insuring school-house No. 6		37 50
Asa Hildreth, 31 days as Assessor		93 00
		$1,490 81

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

D. Brinckerhoff, work on road	$2 50
Stephen E. Hutchins, work on road	2 25
A. W. Cummings, " "	6 00
T. A. Blodgett, " "	6 60
S. N. Burbeck, as Surveyor	123 00
T. L. Griffin, " "	101 90
Geo. W. Cummings, as Surveyor	92 40
John Dame, " "	50 10
J. W. Keyes, " "	60 00
D. P. Lawrence, " "	65 75
R. J. Butterfield, " "	95 40
L. A. Smith, " "	76 42
B. V. Lyon, " "	79 50
N. Sweetser, " "	50 00
Amount carried forward	$811 82

Amount brought forward.....		$811 82
B. G. Brooks, as Surveyor.....		68 45
Reuben Sargent, " "		60 00
Josiah Walker, " "		61 00
George Laws, Est. of " "		50 00
Oren Coolidge, " "		60 50
William Kittredge, " "		142 60
A. W. Howe, " "		57 85
Amos Leighton, " "		4 50
A. P. Richardson, work on road.....		7 60
A. P. Reed, " "		2 40
T. Horan, " "		3 20
Edwin Gould, " "		4 00
W. A. Read, " "		5 00
E. E. Hutchins, " "		12 60
Cyrus Hamlin, " "		14 00
Ira Leland, " "		5 75
Noah Prescott, work on bridge, 1871.....		11 36
W. T. Reed, work on road..... ..		2 00

NEW ROAD NEAR N. A. & B. R. R.

E. K. Turner, surveying and plan.....	5 00	
J. H. Bradley, laying wall.....	150 00	
A. W. Cummings, building 74 rods road @ $4.50.....	333 00	488 00

NEW ROAD AT GRANITEVILLE.

John Eaton, land damages.....	10 00	
George Eaton, " "	5 00	
John Daly, " "	35 00	
W. A. Harris, " "	25 00	
Luther Prescott, surveying.....	1 50	
L. W. Blodgett, building 46 rods road @ $2.55,	117 30	193 80

WIDENING ROAD AT GRANITEVILLE.

Stony Brook R. R. Co., land and damages...	5 00	
William Reed, land and damages.....	1 00	
Luther Prescott, surveying and plan.....	3 00	
L. W. Blodgett, widening road.....	200 00	209 00

WIDENING ROAD AT FORGE VILLAGE.

Luther Prescott, surveying and plan.....	6 50	
Luther W. Blodgett, widening road	145 00	151 50
		$2,426 93

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Geo. E. Coburn, books furnished poor children,		2 50
W. M. Vose, services as school committee for 4 years	35 00	
Broom and crayons	80	35 80
Geo. J. Sherburne, services as school committee for 3 years		15 00
Oliver Woodward, repairing old school-house No. 7	10 25	
Services as school committee	30 00	
Broom and crayons	1 05	41 30
Clara A. Smith, books, broom and crayons		2 66
A. P. Reed, services as school committee	35 00	
Repairs at Nos. 4 and 6	7 40	42 40
James Callahan, repairs on pump, No. 7		2 00
J. Butterfield, work on well curb, No. 7		8 00
W. A. Cram, books furnished		9 05
J. William Fletcher, services as school committee, 1873		75 00
E. Tufts, repairs on school-house No. 1		2 50
Edwin Gould, locks for school-house No. 9		4 00
J. N. Bassett, whitening school-room No. 3		5 50
A. Bunce, broom, crayons and wood		1 85
A. Wright, brooms, crayons and repairs on school-house No. 10		37 89
Committee to build school-house No. 1		1,955 09
" " " " " " 6		1,800 00
" " " " " " 5		205 60
		$4,246 14

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

David Parker,	error, 1874,	$17 32
Estate of T. Keyes,	" "	18 72
C. E. Swett,	" "	1 65
John B. Fletcher,	" "	31 44
Daniel Flagg,	" "	8 25
Isaac S. Wright,	" "	5 50
John Jones,	" "	2 00
James Burrows,	" "	2 06
Benjamin French,	" "	7 85
George Smith,	" "	2 00
Hugh Cram,	" "	2 00
George O. Bailey,	" "	2 00
Jacob Hoit,	" "	2 00
Julian Lafoy,	" "	2 00
Amount carried forward		$104 79

Amount brought forward			$104 79
Philip C. Redman,	error	1874	2 00
William Gilbrick,	"	"	2 00
Belia Stearns,	"	"	2 00
Amos Brown,	"	"	2 00
Isaac G. Hall,	"	"	2 00
Peter Crowley,	"	"	2 00
Elix Lensy,	"	"	2 00
William Reed,	"	"	4 19
John Thorn,	"	1871,	2 00
Julian Lafoy,	"	"	2 00
Philip C. Redman,	"	"	2 00
Nelson Habert,	"	"	2 00
Julian Habert,	"	"	2 00
John Murphy,	"	"	2 00
John McGowen,	"	"	2 00
Patrick McGovern,	"	"	2 00
John Ryan,	"	"	2 00
Michael McQuency,	"	"	2 00
George W. Paistrick,	"	"	2 00
W. Emerson,	"	"	2 00
Peter Crowley,	"	"	2 00
Jacob Blain,	"	"	2 00
Joseph Boisonnault,	"	"	2 00
J. L. Perry,	"	"	2 00
J. W. Wilson,	"	"	2 00
Henry Vincett,	"	"	2 00
Archer Curr,	"	"	2 00
Nelson C. Young,	"	"	2 00
Edward Doherty,	"	"	2 00
Thomas Cockroft,	"	"	2 00
J. D. Blanchard,	"	"	2 00
James Knowlton,	"	"	2 00
David Parker,	"	1872	12 60
Frank Parker,	"	"	2 00
George Palmer,	"	"	2 00
Patrick Porter,	"	1871	2 00
Willard T. Reed,	"	1872	2 00
Sumner Keyes,	"	"	7 00
John Flara,	"	1873	2 00
John Lamontain,	"	"	2 00
William McLane,	"	"	2 00
Levi Myers,	"	"	2 00
A. McNorton,	"	"	2 00
Marcus Whittier,	"	"	2 00
John Yeaton,	"	"	2 00
William Reed, 2d,	"	"	2 00
Amount carried forward			$214 58

Amount brought forward			$214 58
W. H. Boynden,	error	1874	2 00
Albert Bradley,	"	"	2 00
J. J. Burbank,	"	"	2 00
J. William Fletcher,	"	"	2 00
Timothy Callahan,	"	"	2 00
George O. Coburn,	"	"	2 00
Peter Coburn,	"	"	2 58
Thomas Dyer,	"	"	2 00
T. J. Farmer,	"	"	2 00
Timothy Mahoney,	"	"	2 00
William Reed, 2d,	"	"	2 00
Charles Taylor,	"	"	2 00
B. F. Pond,	"	"	1 32
H. M. Farrer,	"	"	4 95
T. C. Reed,	"	"	41
J. A. Burbank,	"	"	2 48
J. W. P. Abbot, Est. of	"	"	195 71

SUMMARY.

Town Officers	$228 87
Library	328 60
Incidental Expenses	1,490 81
Abatement of Taxes	444 03
Roads and Bridges	2,426 93
School-houses	4,246 14
Overseers of the Poor	2,142 00
State Aid	620 00
Whole amount of orders	$11,927 38

J. HENRY READ,
WILLIAM REED,
GEO. W. HEYWOOD, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE

For School-House No. 6.

Appropriation	$2,000 00	
Sale of old house	51 00	
		$2,051 00
Paid Thomas Drew, for ½ acre of land	25 00	
Noah Prescott, for stone	102 34	
A. L. Brooks & Co., for lumber	582 48	
N. B. Favor & Son, for doors, sash and blinds	81 40	
Jacob Rogers & Co., for hardware	31 86	
J. B. Fletcher, for nails, &c.	40 95	
Wm. E. Livingston, for lime, brick, &c.	33 80	
A. & E. G. Spaulding, for fence posts	7 84	
J. Pettingill, for chimney cap	5 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for paint stock	51 06	
S. G. Mack & Co., for stove, pipe, &c.	27 89	
S. C. Blakeslee, for pump	12 00	
A. Sanborn & Co., for clock and thermometer	9 50	
A. H. Andrews & Co., for furniture	240 86	
Benner Brothers, for door mats	5 80	
A. L. Kittredge, for curtains, fixtures, &c.	14 75	
J. S. Shed, for repairing plow	1 39	
B. & L. and N. & L. R. R., for freight	9 28	
George Drew, for labor	431 34	
Amos Hildreth, " "	22 50	
J. O. Kidder, " "	66 49	
J. Wilkerson, " "	27 92	
H. Sharpe, " "	9 00	
Gould & Prescott, for labor	24 75	
J. Vose, for labor	3 90	
M. E. Bruce, for labor	60	
A. Bicknell, for labor	3 50	
Geo. B. Hildreth, for labor	47 65	
Wm. Laws, for labor	8 00	
Amounts carried forward	$1,928 85	$2,051 00

Amounts brought forward	$1,928 85	$2,051 00
L. Wilkins, for labor	16 92	
M. Whittier, for labor	5 72	
Estate of Geo. Laws, for labor	13 50	
S. N. Burbeck, for labor	16 00	
A. Bunce, for labor	43 13	
	$2,024 12	
Received for remnants of lumber, &c., sold	16 98	
Total cost		$2,007 14
Balance of appropriation unexpended		$43 86

SAMUEL N. BURBECK, } *Building*
AUGUSTUS BUNCE, } *Committee.*

We have examined the above Report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. HENRY READ, } *Selectmen*
WILLIAM REED, } *of*
GEO. W. HEYWOOD, } *Westford.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year commencing February 8th, 1874, to February 8th, 1875:

Amount of personal property at the Alms House, including farming tools, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee,	
February 8, 1874	$2,784 47
February 8, 1875	2,316 10
Loss on personal property	$ 468 37

RECEIPTS.

Income from the farm, as by Mr. Smith's books:

Received for milk	$745 35
" for fat cows	153 57
" for three calves	29 00
" for apples	87 30
" for potatoes	41 20
" for hay	93 60
" for labor	27 92
" for wood	12 81
" for old iron	5 00
" for salt pork	12 44
" for boarding C. E. Smith and others	70 97
" as by Smith's books	9 00
" for boarding Mrs. Gage	103 40
" on account of Mrs. Kindal	34 04
" for boarding Miss Prescott	5 00
" for oxen	215 00
Drawn from the treasury	2,142 00
Received from the State on account of State paupers	207 04
	$3,994 64

PAYMENTS.

Paid for one pair of oxen	$208 00
for six cows	287 00
the Treasurer of Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for A. H. Woodward	196 29
the Treasurer of Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for Rufus Keyes	238 64
J. R. Bagley, for services at the Alms House, as Master,	425 00
J. R. Bagley, for six and one-half months' work by his son, at $15 per month	97 50
Williette Bagley, for work	111 00
Mrs. Vinal, for work for 1874 to February 1, 1875	44 52
A. Hines, for work on the farm, twenty days	20 00
A. Hines, for cutting brush	9 00
A. Hines, for 28 days' haying	63 00
F. Smith, ten days' mowing brush	7 50
F. Smith, seven months on the farm	105 00
Louisa Smith, twenty-three weeks' work	57 50
Bell More, for house work	6 00
Cora Morrell, for house work	3 00
E. Nutting, three days' haying	6 00
F. Hynes, for meat	10 75
Mr. Wing, for meat	1 10
Wm. S. Comey, for meat	54 87
A. Wright, for goods	220 14
Conant & Co., for goods	298 23
John B. Fletcher, for goods	88 54
Wright & Fletcher, for goods	60 38
Town of Ipswich, for Eunice Fletcher	118 88
Town of Groton, for W. O. Wright	48 84
R. H. Phelps, for medical attendance upon Jacob Read and wife	66 75
Town of Groton, for Mrs. Blake	23 25
L. W. Blodgett, difference in sleigh	12 00
D. P. Lawrence, for poultry	4 40
Hiram Decatur, for goods delivered to John Manday,	7 02
David Brinckerhoff, as by bill, for making cider (1872) and use of bull	13 14
W. A. Webster, for medical attendance at the Alms House and on J. Edgerly	53 50
Town of Ipswich, for Mrs Fletcher, year 1873	48 62
to making out Reports, 1874	5 00
Read & Chamberlain, blacksmithing	4 40
Heywood & Burbeck, for grain	14 82
Abel Prescott & Co., bill	8 90
to making out Reports to State	5 00
Oren Coolidge, for services as Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
Amount carried forward	$3,063 48

Amount brought forward	$3,063 48
Paid for going to Brighton twice after cattle	10 00
for moving Mrs. Kindal to the Alms House	5 00
for going to Lowell after Hoyle	3 00
for going to Ipswich after Mrs. Fletcher	8 25
for carrying a pauper to the State Alms House	3 45
for going to Groton twice and moving Mrs. Blake to Alms House	4 00
for moving Wm. Read's family to the Alms House,	2 00
for going after J. Edgerly's family	1 00
Wm. S. Comey, for meat	24 24
for pasturing oxen	17 30
J. H. Read, for services as Overseer	10 00
for going to Ashland	5 00
the Town Treasurer	207 04
Conant & Co., for goods	33 88
for grain	33 89
Wm. Webster, for blacksmithing	29 10
for soap	5 00
for fish	15 16
for filling up well dug by order of the Directors of Nashua & Acton Railroad	3 00
for beef	3 77
for piling brush	6 75
for four scythes	4 99
for goods	2 22
for two shoats	21 60
for fish	1 87
for four days' piling brush	5 00
for two bushels fodder corn	2 25
for points to landside plough	1 55
for eight and one-half pounds dried apples	1 24
for yarn	2 08
for grass seed	6 85
for timber for shed	3 50
for killing two hogs	1 00
for chopping wood,	2 00
for work on the farm	1 50
for repairs on sewing machine	1 60
for hauling logs one day	3 00
for expenses to Brighton for cows	4 00
for nine and one-half pounds of honey	2 85
for poultry	8 36
for bakers' bread	22 51
for expense to Brighton and driving oxen up	4 60
for clothing for Amos Hildreth	15 93
David Brinckerhoff, use of bull	7 00
Amount carried forward	$3,621 81

Amount brought forward	$3,621 81
Paid for eighty pounds of shorts	1 16
for making cider	1 53
for driving oxen to pasture and going after them	3 10
for a bag of cracked corn	1 85
for ten pounds pork	1 40
for grinding corn	3 29
for tea and coffee	5 04
for cloth for inmates	5 35
for butter and cheese	17 05
for boots for John Manday and sons	4 50
for cleaning beds and house	1 33
for spoons	1 00
for doctoring a cow	1 00
for oats	80
for repairs on plough	1 10
for fly trap	1 00
for six baskets	7 50
for oil cloth for table	1 75
for one day's work haying	2 00
for fowls and matches	1 87
for carrying Lewis King to Tewksbury	1 00
for fixing pump	75
for clothing for Butler and Betsey H	3 60
for one kettle	1 65
for use of bull	2 00
for pants for Read's boy	1 00
as by D. W. Smith's books	32 91
due from D. W. Smith	81 22
N. S. Hamblin, services as Overseer	10 00
for going to Lowell about S. Hoyle	1 50
the town clerk of Billerica, for searching records	50
for searching records at Cambridge on account of Mrs. Read	1 50
for time spent hunting up the settlement of R. Perkins	10 00
for going to Littleton to settle bill on account of Mrs. Read	1 00
for going to Ipswich on account of Mrs. Fletcher	5 00
for time spent looking up Wm. Furnald's settlement,	5 00
Mr. Felch, for taking care of S. Hildreth one day	1 00
a tramp, to procure lodging	50
for time spent on account of Mrs. Blake and Wm. C. Wright	6 00
Nelson Prescott, for watching with Sam. Hildreth	2 00
for time spent on account of W. H. T. Nichols	2 00
for going to Lowell about the claim against Carlisle,	2 00
Amount carried forward	$3,857 56

Amount brought forward	$3,857 56
Paid for carrying John Butler to the Alms House	2 00
for going to Boxborough about Mrs. Jacob Read	2 00
for going to Lunenburg and Townsend about Mrs. Jacob Read's settlement	6 00
for time spent going to Tyngsboro' to search the records on account of Jacob Read's settlement,	2 50
for copy of deed	75
for time spent going to Stoughton on account of Mrs. Wm. Read's settlement	6 50
for going to Ipswich to look up the settlement of Ada Fletcher and her two children	6 00
as by J. R. Bagley's books	46 60
D. W. Smith, in part	81 22
the Overseers	20 22
	$4,031 35

STATEMENT

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm, for the Year ending Feb. 8, 1875.

Amount drawn from the Treasurer	$2,142 00
Received for State pauper	207 04
	$2,349 04

RESOURCES.

Due from the County	$22 00
D. W. Smith	81 82
the City of Lowell	29 50
the Town of Carlisle	59 75
for hay, 38.87; milk, 128.88; State paupers, 74.52	242 27
Paid the Town Treasurer	207 04
	$642 38
Loss on personal property	468 37
	$174 01
Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of the interest on the farm	$2,175 05
Cost of supporting the poor out of the Alms House, $810 07	
" " " in the Alms House 1,364 98	
	$2,175 05
The number supported in the Alms House the past year	14
Average number	7
Number receiving two meals and lodging	628
Number receiving one meal	279
We have paid for labor on the farm and in the house, which has always gone into the next year's Report, which amounts to	$273 28

N. S. HAMBLIN,
OREN COOLIDGE, } *Overseers of the Poor of Westford.*

PERSONAL APPRAISAL

Of Property at Alms House in Westford.

Horse, $70; harness, 20; draught harness, 7; old harness, 50c.; curry-comb and brush, 1; 12 cows, 540; 12½ tons of English hay, 250; 7 tons stock hay, 98; corn fodder, 15; 8 hay forks, 4; meal boxes, 6; wind mill, 4; corn sheller, 5; 15 bushels corn, 15; 10 bushels oats, 8; 100 lbs. shorts, 1.50; hay cutter and feed box, 8; mowing machines, 100; 2 flails, 1; set measures, 50c.; 39 flour barrels, 6.63; 14 bags, 2.80; 39 sacks, 3; apple picker, 50c.; drag rakes, 1.25; 5 chains, 4.50; 3 ox yokes, 10; 6 iron bars, 6; ploughs, 10; cultivator, 6; shovels, 3; spades, 1; 6 manure forks, 4; manure hook, 1; 2 picks, 1; ditching knife, 50c.; 2 bog hoes, 75c.; shafts and axles, 3; 2 water tubs, 1; muzzles, 25c.; ladders and hooks, 11; ox-carts, 60; farm wagon and hay wagon, 30; 30 fowls, 20; 2 hog hooks, 1; 2 whiffletrees, 1.50; horse wagon, 20; sleigh, 5; ox-sled, 4; 2 horse-sleds, 23; 15 tie chains 3.75; blanket, 50c.; cow bell, 50c.; horse rake, 1; 10 scythes and snathes, 8; grindstone and machine, 8; wheelbarrow, 3; 11 axes, 5.50; carpenter's tools, 70; copper kettle, 2; 5 wood saws, 4; 6 hoes, 3; 6 rakes and garden rakes, 2; stove pipe, 2.25; 13 baskets, 3; grain cradle, 1; 4 saw horses, 1; 8 bushels of white and colored beans, 20; washing machine, 2.50; meal chests and meal, 8; 3 barrows, 10; drag, 2; string of bells, 25c.; soap, 7.50; gallons of pickles, 2; pounds butter, 18; 11 glass jars and contents, 4.50; gallon measure, 50c.; 4 00 lbs. salt pork, 56; vinegar, 10; 7 cider casks, 3.50; garden vegetables, 5; molasses and barrel, 5; kerosene oil and can, 3; 5 wash tubs, 3; cook stove, 70; 3 air-tight stoves, 21; Franklin stove, 2; 50 milk pans, 15; 12 tin pails, 4.50; 4 wash basins, 1; tin ware, 12; coffee mill, 50c.; wooden bowl, 50c.; clothes wringer, 5; water pot, 1; 10 lbs. lard, 1.80; 6 lbs. tallow, 60c.; saleratus, 32c.; cream tartar, 20c.; butter moulds, 1.75; bar soap, 60c.; churn, 1.50; 12 butter tubs, 1.20; bread trough, 1; fly trap, 1; cranberries, 3; apple parers, 1; candle mould, 50c.; sausage filler, 25c.; sugar, 1; salt, 1.50; spices, 50c.; pair steelyards, 80c.; oil can, 25c.; tin and iron pots, 3; porcelain kettle, 1.50; iron griddle, 50c.; chopping knife and trays, 2; waiter, 2; clothes bars, 1; earthen pots, 60c.; stove blacking and brush, 50c.; brooms, 1.75; tea 1.25; coffee, 1; mortar, 50c.; spice

boxes, 40c.; flour, 12; sieves, 50c.; jugs, 2; lamps and lantern, 3; knives, forks and spoons, 3; crockery, 8; set of shovels and tongs, 3; corn parcher, 50c.; candlesticks, 50c.; clothes dryer, 100; 85 bush. potatoes, 59.50; 8 tumblers, 65c.; lot of chests, 15; trunks, 10; cases drawers, 2; 12 bedsteads and beds, 125; 5 rocking chairs, 5; cabinet chair, 2.50; table cloth and towels, 1.50; bedding, 1.75; cradle, 2; 2 clocks, 3; 11 tables, 10; dinner horn, 25c.; clothes basket and line, 2; 12 window curtains, 3; 4 looking glasses, 1.50; 7 flat irons, 3; ash shovel, &c., 3; rifle, 2; gold necklace, 7; handcuffs and fetters, 2; bed pan, 1.50; injection pipes, 4.50; mop handles, 15c.; dinner bell, 75c.; sickles, 1; beetle rings and wedges, 2; 5 meat barrels, 4; meat fork, wrenches and hammer, 2; butter worker, 50c.; 14 cords of wood in shed, 56; 1500 boards and planks, 20; brushes, 1.50; bureau, 5; chairs, 2.50; shawl, 2; caster, 1; oil table cloth, 2.

Amount February 8, 1874,	$2.782	47
" " 8, 1875,	2,316	10
Loss on personal property,	466	37

ALVIN FISHER,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
NOAH PRESCOTT,
Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

Town of Westford,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1876.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE, HUSE & CO., STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS, No. 130 CENTRAL STREET.
1876.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1875

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN,

I. P. WOODS, HENRY CHAMBERLIN, N. H. WRIGHT.

ASSESSORS,

C. L. FLETCHER, A. P. CUTTER, H. CHAMBERLIN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN, DAVID REED, A. W. CUMMINGS.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. Henry Read, *Ch'n*, William S. Kittredge, *Sec'y*,
William A. Cram, Miss Olive A. Prescott, Miss Eliza M. Babbitt,
Aug. Bunco, Alonzo P. Reed, Arthur Wright, Jas. Callahan.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JOHN LANKTREE.

FENCE VIEWERS,

ELI TOWER, GEO. HUTCHINS, NATH'L SWEETSER.

CONSTABLES,

William L. Kittredge, George E. Coburn, James Morrill,
David Reed, Chas. H. Fletcher, John Lanktree.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM,

Artemas W. Cummings, Luther W. Blodgett, Thad. A. Blodgett.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS,

Dist. No. 1, Geo. E. Harris,
" " 2, James O'Brien,
" " 3, William Kittredge,
" " 4, Moses Edwards,
" " 5, James Hildreth,
" " 6, Joseph W. Keyes,
" " 7, Geo. A. Blood,
" " 8, Chas. F. Shaw,
" " 9, Geo. W. Cummings,
Dist. No. 10, Orin Cooledge,
" " 11, Luther Wilkins,
" " 12, Julian Hildreth,
" " 13, Benj. M. Fletcher,
" " 14, Nathaniel Sweetser,
" " 15, Amos Leighton,
" " 16, Calvin L. Howard,
" " 17, Lyman A. Smith,
" " 18, Josiah Walker.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

TRUE A. BEAN, C. L. FLETCHER, W. L. KITTREDGE.

LIBRARIAN,

WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

WEIGHERS OF HAY,

John B. Fletcher, Geo. W. Heywood, Jacob Smith,
N. H. Wright, Arthur Wright, S. A. Hamblin,
John M. Fletcher, Allan Cameron.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

Cyrus Hamlin, A. J. Blaisdell, Arthur Wright,
Henry Hamlin, Lorenzo Sweetser, Allan R. Perham,
Ephraim A. Stevens, George H. Prescott, S. A. Hamblin,
Wesley O. Hawkes, Charles L. Fletcher, Daniel Falls,
Jacob Smith, T. H. Hamblet, Hiram H. Decatur,
Chas. E. Whidden, A. W. Frederick, W. H. H. Burbeck,
George W. Cummings.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES,

ALLAN R. PERHAM.

FIELD DRIVERS,

Daniel Ward, A. W. Cummings, Samuel L. Taylor,
Lewis C. Dane, True A. Bean, Timothy Fletcher,
Edgar F. Nutting, A. P. Richardson, F. O. Decatur.
John E. Holden,

MEASURERS OF GRAIN, AND WEIGHERS OF COAL.

JACOB SMITH, AUSTIN T. KIMBALL.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS,

J. W. TAYLOR, W. S. SHEPARD, JOHN LOGUE.

MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D, 1875.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
January 4.....	Charles Frank Fellows.....	25	Westford,	Lowell, Mass.
	Maria Callahan	23	Westford,	Westford,
February 4....	Henry Winslow Bryant.....	25	Barnstead, Conn.	Meredith, N. H.
	Martha J. Tracy.....	28	Westford,	Stanstead, Conn.
March 18.....	Julian Hildreth.....	22	Westford,	Westford,
	Myra Abby Whitney.....	19	Gardner, Mass.	Gardner, Mass.
March 25.....	William Wallace Johnson....	24	Westford,	Digby, N. S.
	Anna (Matthews)Barren.....	28	Westford,	Halifax, N. S.
June 3.....	John Wayne.....	34	Westford,	Lancaster, N. B.
	Jennie Cameron.....	29	Lowell,	Nova Scotia,
July 8.....	Erastus Fiske.....	33	Westford,	Abbotsford, P. Q.
	Cora Belle Mayville.....	19	Littleton,	Bangor, Me.
August 18.....	Frederic S. Coburn.....	18	Lowell,	Worcester, Mass.
	Hannah Coburn.....	18	Westford,	Westford,
August 21.....	William Francis Fitch.....	26	Westford,	Groton,
	May Blanche Wadleigh.....	25	Westford,	Prov. of Quebec.
September 25..	Charles Edwin Smith.....	22	Westford,	Bangor, Me.
	Nellie Frances Willoughby...	20	Westford,	New Hampshire.
October 4.....	John L. Kelley.....	24	Mt. Vernon, N. H.	Mt. Vernon, N. H.
	Hannah Eliza Bicknell.....	18	Westford,	Westford,
December 8....	Richard Heath.....	34	Westford,	England.
	Mary Ann Miner.....	40	Westford,	Ireland.

Marriages recorded.....11
Marriages between natives..... 5
Marriages between foreigners..... 3
Marriages between natives and foreigners..... 3

BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1875.

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS.
January 18	Lottie Evelyn Heywood	Edwin E. and Mary K. (Fletcher) Heywood.
" 25	Jessie Frances Brooks	Benj. G. and Frances E. (Downer) Brooks.
" 27	Elizabeth Casey	Daniel and Margaret (McCarty) Casey.
February 24	Frederic Walter Edwards	William C. and Louisa (Lee) Edwards.
March 11	Michael Driscoll	Timothy and Mary (O'Brien) Driscoll.
" 15	Josephine Cora Wing	Thomas and Sarah J. (Keyser) Wing.
" 29	Mary Gertrude Balch	Wayland F. and Sarah F. (Richardson) Balch.
April 9	William James Flynn,	John and Ellen (Dugan) Flynn.
" 9	Thomas Henry Quinn	Thomas and Mary A. (Murphy) Quinn.
" 11	William Edward Conley	Michael and Ann (Fay) Conley.
" 14	John Herbert Cole	John and Ann M. (Lathrop) Cole.
" 26	Ida Rachel Butterfield	George and Mary E. (Taylor) Butterfield.
May 12	Catherine Hanley	Daniel and Catherine (Mahoney) Hanley.
" 20	Arthur Stillman Gray	Stillman B. and Clara (Morse) Gray.
" 21	Samuel Calvin Harris	David C. and Betsey J. (Fitch) Harris.
" 22	George Edwin Humiston	Samuel G. and Harriet S. (Flagg) Humiston.
June 10	Florence Mary Wright Fellows	Charles F. and Maria (Callahan) Fellows.
" 13	Harry Page Wright	Charles A. and Celia J. (Smith) Wright.
" 14	Sarah Caroline Howard	Calvin L. and Mary J. (Hale) Howard.
" 20	Anna Elizabeth Doody	David and Maria (Griffin) Doody.
July 10	Mary Ann Sheahan	Andrew and Catherine (Dailey) Sheahan.
" 13	Julian Willis Weston	George and Olive S (Willard) Weston.
August 2	Clara Mabel Coburn	Ward A. and Jennie (Smart) Coburn.
" 19	Joseph Couillard	Henry and Philomena Couillard.
" 22	Lillie Frances Nutting	Edgar F. and Louisa M. (Smith) Nutting.
September 15	Austin Wilbur Frederick	Albert W. and Augusta (Davis) Frederick.
" 15	Alfred Thomas Willis Prinn	William and Caroline M. (Willis) Prinn.
" 21	Freddie Searles	Charles J. and Martha M (Bicknell) Searles.
" 22	Thomas Dyer	Josiah and Ann (Ackerly) Dyer.
October 1	Mary Ella McKay	James and Isabella (Frazer) McKay.
" 2	Arthur Lackey	John H. and Ellen (Read) Lackey.
" 4	Martha Jane Taylor	Samuel L. and Alta M. (Schellinger) Taylor.
" 8	Charles Edwin Shaw	Charles F. and Henrietta (Carter) Shaw.
November 3	Georgia Gertrude Tyzzer	Josiah and Ellen R. (Ireland) Tyzzer.
" 8	Gertrude Wright Pelsue	George W. and Caroline (Lee) Pelsue.
" 28	Euphemia Campbell Harris	Charles A. and Sarah M. (Turnbull) Harris.
December 1	——— Blaisdell	Alvin J. and Elizabeth (Hutchings) Blaisdell.
" 30	William Edgerly	Joseph and Rosanna (Casey) Edgerly.

Births recorded	38
Males	19
Females	19
Births of native parentage	19
Births of foreign parentage	11
Births of native and foreign parentage	8

DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1875.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
January 22	Infant child of Wm. O. May	—	—	—
February 21	Jerry Desmond	48	—	—
March 12	Amos Heywood	83	8	1
" 25	Clara C. Shaw	21	11	24
" 27	Amos Hildreth, 2nd	65	10	27
April 5	Mary Ann Burgess	50	—	—
" 7	Sabra Gates	62	6	27
" 20	Ida E. Closson	1	7	23
May 5	Sarah L. Proctor	87	7	3
" 16	Betsey Wright Haywood	84	6	10
June 1	Lorenzo Dow	31	5	11
" 14	Warren Abbot Read	38	4	9
" 18	George Britton	48	—	—
July 3	Harriet Ann Wright	61	10	26
" 8	Rebecca F. Prescott	54	4	1
" 9	Sarah Harris	53	—	—
" 10	Eratus B. Searles	2	7	20
August 2	Ella A. Farris	—	4	14
" 13	Betsey Boynton	90	—	6
" 20	Ethel Whitney	—	1	10
" 22	Ida F. McKenna	1	1	24
" 25	Ira Leland	77	1	3
" 28	Carrie M. Edgerly	—	10	6
September 4	William H. Edgerly	—	10	13
" 17	Henry S. Dane	1	4	—
" 18	Rebecca F. Coolidge	79	7	8
" 19	Sarah Richardson	88	10	21
" 21	Infant child of Charles J. Searles	—	—	—
" 29	William Dinsmore	19	—	—
October 8	Simeon Prescott	49	8	4
" 12	Arthur Lackey	—	—	10
" 16	Francis K. Proctor	72	2	28
" 18	Ella M. Graham	27	7	9
" 31	Bradley V. Lyon	52	6	18
November 5	Freddie Searles	—	1	22
" 12	George Coburn	12	7	13
" 18	Hattie M. Barton	—	5	27
" 30	Morris Millard	65	—	—
December 12	Elizabeth C. Heywood	41	8	9

Whole number, 39.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., NOVEMBER 17, 1875.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, one hundred eighty-nine $\frac{60}{100}$ dollars for dog licenses, as per his account of this date. $189.60.

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1875.

Abbot, J. W.
Banister, F. W.
Banister, J. F.
Bean, T. A.—2.
Blodgett, G. W.
Blodgett, T. A.
Brinkerhoff, D.
Boynton, J. M.
Brooks, B. G.
Brown, J. E.
Burbeck, S. N.
Butterfield, J.—2.
Carkin, A. W.
Carkin, C. H.
Carkin, I. W.
Closson, O. S.
Comey, W. S.
Comey, W. W.
Conley, Kate.
Coolidge, Orin.
Cummings, Walter.
Cummings, John W.
Day, Amos.
Day, Isaac E.
Decatur, H. H.
Decatur, John H.
Desmond, F.
Dillings, James.
Downs, M. F.
Drew, Greenleaf.
Drew, Thomas.
Dubois, John.
Edwards, Moses.
Evans, M. H. A.
Fletcher, Almira.
Fletcher, Andrew.
Fletcher, Benj. M.
Fletcher, L. L.
Fletcher, L. T.
Fletcher, S. D.
Gardner, Robert.
Gilson, J. F.
Gould, Edwin.
Greig, John.
Hamlin, Henry.
Hamblin, S. A.
Hawkes, W. O.
Hildreth, H. A.
Holdsworth, D.
Horan, Thomas.
Horne, George F.
Hutchins, Geo.
Keyes, J. W.
Kittredge, W.
Lee, Noah A.
Lee, William.
Leighton, Amos.
Leland, Ira.
Lyon, B. V.
McGlinchy, J.
Meads, D. H.
Moore, E. A.
Morrison, James.
Mullen, James.
Murray, Arthur.
O'Brien, M.
O'Brien, James.
Osgood, A. P.
Patch, Jane A. L.
Patten, Rufus.
Perham, G. A.—2.
Polley, A. G.
Prescott, N. P.
Read, J. H.
Reed, William, 1st.
Robbins, F.
Sargent, C. G.
Sheahan, Andrew.
Shepard, W. S.
Shugrue, P.
Smith, Lyman A.
Smith, Mary A.—2.
Spaulding, C. W.
Sprague, I. W.
Sweetser, N.
Thomas, George.
Vose, William M.
Ward, Daniel.
Whidden, C. E.
Whitney, Henry J.
Whitney, Hiram.
Whitney, Susan.
Whitney, William M.
Worcester, I. S.
Wright, Arthur.
Wright, Erastus.
Wright, George O.
Wright, J. M.

Whole number licensed, ...	102
Males, ...	100
Females, ...	2

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 9, 1876.

The committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer for the year ending at date, submit the following report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash in treasury at last settlement	$2,765 76
Cash borrowed	7,458 82
Corporation tax, 1875	754 04
National bank tax, 1875	745 60
State Aid to soldiers' families prior to 1874	126 00
" " " " " in 1874	600 00
State school fund 1874–5	216 17
State on account of paupers by Overseers of Poor	81 42
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1874	169 29
T. A. Bean, rent of Town Hall	11 50
" " " "	37 00
E. A. Stevens, old school-house No. 1	850 00
E. A. Stevens, interest on note	58 50
I. W. Sprague, license	150 00
M. F. Downs, license	150 00
State for rent of armory	33 00
County Treasurer, interest for advance payment of tax	15 09
State Treasurer, interest for advance payment of tax	8 30
Luther Prescott, auctioneer's license	2 00
J. W. Bruce, " "	2 00
Wm. Kittredge, storing sleds	2 25
John Lanktree, collector 1873	140 68
" " interest on taxes	8 00
" " collector 1874	1,442 23
" " " before Oct. 6, 1875	9,742 86
" " " before Dec. 6, 1875	1,672 29
" " " after Dec. 6, 1875	2,000 00
	$29,242 90

PAYMENTS.

Amos Heywood, notes and interest.....	$ 414 82	
Wm. Reed, 1st, " " "	3,112 00	
E. C. Heywood, estate of, notes and interest..	720 09	
Abigail Lawrence, " " " ..	397 68	
Alonzo P. Reed, " " " ..	102 35	
D. W. Smith, " " " ..	305 60	
John Lanktree, " " " ..	134 67	
J. H. Kendall, " " " ..	934 30	
Wm. H. Anderson, trustee, " " " ..	1,199 37	
Sarah B. Lunt, " " " ..	537 72	
Louisa Gilson, " " " ..	1,041 61	
J. F. Gilson, " " " ..	520 12	
G. W. Cummings, " " " ..	410 03	
		$9,830 36
Interest on other notes.....	1,902 50	
State tax for 1875.....	1,660 00	
County tax for 1875.....	1,064 94	
State Treasurer on account of licenses.....	75 00	
Refunded to State—over-payment of corporation tax, 1874.....	7 11	
Refunded to State—over-payment of corporation tax, 1875.....	7 87	
Orders outstanding at last settlement.....	43 84	
Overseers of Poor on orders.....	1,907 50	
Orders for incidental and other expenses	6,799 40	
Schools.....	3,240 98	
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	2,703 40	
		$29,242 90

Your committee further report that the town is indebted to the following persons on notes and other claims.

Sally B. Cummings, notes.....	$ 300 00
N. H. Wright, notes.....	2,200 00
Alson Tuttle, notes	2,000 00
E. C. Heywood, estate of, note.....	1,000 00
Alvan Fisher, notes.....	1,200 00
Sarah S. Reed, "	1,800 00
Eli Tower, "	2,000 00
Charles L. Fletcher,"	1,400 00
Jesse Wright, "	2,000 00
Sarah B. Lund, note.....	500 00
Daniel Flagg, "	450 00
Ira Leland, estate of, note.....	300 00
Amount carried forward.....	$15,150 00

Amount brought forward	$15,150 00
Caroline M. Davis, note	1,000 00
Geo. R. Harrison, "	100 00
Ruth Farley, "	100 00
Hannah M. Whitcomb, "	200 00
Mrs. D. C. Harris, "	800 00
Clara A. Smith, "	100 00
Arabella R. Prescott, "	150 00
Trustees of Westford Academy, note	2,000 00
Martha J. Reed, note	500 00
Rachel W. Davis, "	800 00
Sarah W. Parker, "	2,200 00
Wm. H. Anderson, trustee	2,500 00
	$25,600 00
Accrued interest on above notes	1,265 55
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended	1,760 83
Due from land taken for school-house No. 9	100 00
	$28,726 38

RESOURCES.

Due from State Aid to soldiers' families, 1875,	$492 00	
John Lanktree, collector, 1873	36 00	
" " " 1874	82 28	
" " " 1875	3,512 58	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	2,703 40	
		$6,826 26
Balance against town Feb. 9, 1876		$21,900 12
" " " " 11, 1875		24,444 43
Decrease of liabilities		$2,544 31

GEORGE DREW,
GILMAN J. WRIGHT, } *Committee.*
ALONZO P. REED,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Sherman D. Fletcher, Treasurer's salary to March 1st, 1875	$50 00	
Entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with Treasurer	4 00	
Time and expense paying State and County taxes and collecting Corporation and Bank taxes, 1874	8 00	
Time going to Almshouse about damage by fire	1 00	
Time and expense to Lowell twice about insurance for damage by fire at Almshouse	3 00	
Time and expense of collecting dog tax of County Treasurer, 1874	2 00	$68 00
Edwin R. Hodgman, Town Clerk's salary	12 00	
To postage and express	3 34	
Going to Tyngsboro'	3 00	
Copying for Town Report	1 50	
Recording 39 births	19 50	
" 20 deaths	4 00	
" 16 "	1 60	
" 3 " not reported to Clerk,	1 05	
" 11 marriages	1 65	
Going to East Cambridge	3 00	50 64
Isaac P. Woods, making Town and State Aid Reports, Road and Dog Warrants, and services as Selectman for the year 1875	20 00	
To time and expenses about guide boards	4 00	
To time and expenses in procuring and erecting stone bounds at each angle on new road from Graniteville to Forge Village	4 00	
Amounts carried forward	$28 00	$118 64

Amounts brought forward.....	$28 00	$118 64
Isaac P. Woods, to time spent in procuring new applications for State Aid, to take place of originals, which had been lost at State Auditor's Office..	3 00	
To perambulating town line of Littleton, Acton, Carlisle and Tyngsboro'....	6 00	
To horse hire, &c.....	10 00	47 00
Paid S. D. Fletcher for going to Boston twice on State Aid business.....		5 60
Henry Chamberlin, services as Selectman...	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	20 00	
To three days, self and horse.....	12 00	37 00
William H. Brown, for guide board.....		2 00
Nahum H. Wright, services as Selectman....	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	20 00	25 00
		$235 24

LIBRARY.

Library committee for new books as per bill..		251 13
" " for binding and repairing old books.....		20 25
William L. Kittredge, for blank books and extra work on books.....		6 20
		$277 58

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Edward Symmes, for surveying at East Cemetery.....	$8 10	
Surveying for bounds on road from Graniteville to Forge Village.....	3 50	11 60
Stone, Huse & Co., Printing Valuation, Town and School Reports.....		204 67
Wright & Fletcher, for stationery, oil, brooms, postage, &c.....		11 45
J. Henry Read, services as janitor for year ending April 1st, 1876.....		75 00
A. P. Bonney, professional services for the year ending Jan. 1st, 1876	100 00	
Cash paid Deputy Sheriff for service of writ Town of Westford *vs.* Town of Carlisle.....	9 00	
Cash paid Clerk of Court, fees in same case..	2 20	111 20
J. Henry Read for care of hall for four dances,		6 00
Geo. F. Hunt, agent, premium for insurance on school-house No. 4.....		40 00
Hunt Bros., for printing 100 check-lists.....		12 00
Amount carried forward		$471 92

Amount brought forward.....		$471 92
Charles H. Fletcher, for copying and posting warrants.....	15 00	
For time and expenses collecting dog taxes.....	5 00	20 00
Wm. L. Kittredge, services as librarian to April 1st, 1876.....		50 00
A. P. Richardson, attending 23 funerals with hearse at $1.75.....	40 25	
Cash paid for coffin rests and straps.....	9 50	49 75
Geo. Drew, for furnishing stock and fitting armory at Town House.....		149 03
To ½ day's work on Town House.....		1 50
Wm. Kittredge, for 2 cords wood for Town House.....	12 50	
For 3,240 lbs. coal.....	13 94	
For hauling coal from depot to Town House	3 50	
For work on furnace at Town House ...	3 85	
For attending one funeral with hearse....	2 00	35 79
H. A. Hildreth, to appraising property at Town Farm in 1872 and 1874.....		5 00
Marden & Rowell, for printing school blanks		4 00
Geo. F. Hunt, agent, premium for insurance on school-house No. 9.....		37 50
Abel Prescott, for 3,238 lbs. coal.....		13 19
S. G. Mack & Co., to repairing furnace at Town House.....		25 90
N. S. Hamblin, for lot poles for railing.....		8 00
T. A. Bean, sealing scales at Forge Village..	1 00	
Services as janitor and librarian, 1874..	25 00	
Locks, &c., furnished for library.....	3 35	29 35
Amos Day, work at West Burying-ground....		6 50
John Lanktree, for collecting taxes.....	140 15	
For collecting taxes for 1874.....	8 40	148 55
Joseph W. Bruce, for damage to sleigh.....		10 00
Marden & Rowell, printing 1000 tax bills....		4 75
Asia Nutting, for work on North Cemetery...		10 00
W. H. Brown, for 17 guide boards.....		17 00
Henry Chamberlin, for posts and putting up guide boards.....		9 37
A. B. Cutter, services as assessor, 74 days....		222 00
Chas. L. Fletcher, services as assessor, 66½ days,		199 50
Henry Chamberlin, services as assessor, 96 days		288 00
J. O. Kidder, for work on Town House.....	8 12	
For cement, brick and sand.....	10 87	18 99
J. F. Sweetser, for killing woodchucks in 1873,		75
Traders and Mechanics' Insurance Co., for insuring school-house No. 10.....		63 00
Amount carried forward.....		$1,899 34

Amount brought forward.....	$1,899 34
David Leduce, for damage to self and carriage	40 00
Geo. W. Coburn & Son, insurance on Town Library	25 00
Wright and Fletcher, stationery, oil, &c.....	33 41
T. A. Bean, for sealing weights and measures,	10 00
First Parish, for use of bell from April 1st, 1872 to March 31st, 1875.....	15 00
Jacob Rogers & Co., for 1 sink for Almshouse..	8 00
Geo. Drew, for work on Almshouse.....	45 30
A. L. Brooks, for lumber for Almshouse.....	54 45
Samuel Fletcher, for 12 stone bounds for road,	5 00
Luther Prescott, for selling two school-houses and making deeds.....	5 00
Union Society, for use of bell for year ending May 1st, 1875.....	7 50
Henry Chamberlin, cash paid for blanks for numbering scholars.....	2 75
Wright & Fletcher, books furnished for schools, paper, postage, crayons, oil, brooms, &c.....	20 86
	$2,171 61

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

D. McCarty, to 4 days' work on water course at Graniteville depot.....	9 00
I. P. Woods, for cash paid for constructing water course at Graniteville depot..	137 74
Joseph Laws, for work on highway.....	54 70
David P. Lawrence, for work on Forge Village Hill in 1874.....	26 00
R. J. Butterfield, for work on highway in 1874,	1 46
O. Coolidge, as surveyor.....	47 00
C. L. Howard, " "	68 16
Wm. Kittredge," "	67 60
Moses Edwards," "	89 93
Thomas Drew, " "	79 70
L. A. Smith, " "	99 89
Building culvert near Edward Holt's house.....	33 61
William Kittredge, for work on road from Westford depot on N. A. & B. R. R. to Littleton line.....	80 00
Josiah Walker, as surveyor.....	102 25
Geo. E. Harris, " "	120 00
Luther Wilkins, " "	78 70
Amount carried forward.....	$1,095 74

Amount brought forward.....		$1,095 47
Chas. F. Shaw, as surveyor		65 45
N. Sweetser, " "		37 25
Jas. O'Brien, " "		82 70
B. M. Fletcher, " "		53 70
J. W. Keyes, " "		50 00
Geo. A. Blood, " "		93 20
Geo. W. Cummings, as surveyor.....		59 80
James Hildreth, " "		52 35
Joseph Whitney, work on highway.....		5 20
S. N. Burbeck, " " " in 1874...		35 40
A. W. Howe, " " " " " ...		2 75
Michael Connelly, " " " " " ...		1 50
Luther Prescott, " " "		2 60
George Wright, land damage caused by widening road at Forge Village in 1874..		10 00
		$1,647 64

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. Wright, books, brooms, pails, crayons, &c..		$18 11
H. Dane, repairs on school-houses Nos. 5 and 8		6 04
W. A. Cram, maps for schools 3, 6, and 8....		12 00
for books, &c., for school No. 8.....		6 68
for chalk, bell, glass, &c., school No. 9..		2 60
for services school committee, time spent in procuring and examining teachers, making out school reports, &c.....		150 00
E. Gould, services as school committee 2 years		20 50
A. P. Reed, services as school committee, cleaning school-house, &c.....		6 50
W. L. Kittredge, services as school committee three years.....		18 00
Geo. Hutchins, repairing school-house No. 5,	$7 63	
cash paid for clock, " " "	7 00	
cash paid for pump, " " "	9 50	
services as school committee 4 years....	36 00	60 13
Committee to build school-house No. 1.....		481 45
		$782 01

SNOW BILLS.

J. A. Sampson, breaking roads.....		$ 1 00
James O'Brien, " "		32 10
S. N. Burbeck, " "		29 80
J. W. Keyes, " "		21 50
H. Cummings, " "		16 80
L. A. Smith, " "		14 35
Amount carried forward.....		$115.55

Amount brought forward.....		$115 55
A. B. Cutter,	breaking roads.....	11 00
Josiah Walker,	" "	24 00
Benj. M. Fletcher,	" "	14 40
Samuel N. Hutchins,	" "	5 25
Geo. E. Harris,	" "	8 50
Geo. W. Cummings,	" "	12 00
Charles F. Shaw,	" "	26 90
Moses Edwards,	" "	6 40
James Hildreth,	" "	18 15
N. Sweetser,	" "	12 80
Julian Hildreth,	" "	6 05
Wm. Kittredge,	" "	25 00
John Wilson,	" "	1 60
C. L. Howard,	" "	1 00
F. Caldwell,	" "	3 20
Wm. B. Gilson,	" "	2 00
B. G. Brooks,	" "	5 00
A. Leighton,	" "	4 50
C. A. Wheeler,	" "	1 00
O. Coolidge,	" "	5 60
		$309 90

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Benjamin Palmer,	tax abated 1875.....	29 60
Caroline B. and H. E. Hill,	tax abated 1875..	1 03
Jacob Hittinger,	" " " ..	71 70
John Rouliard,	" " " ..	74
Jona. Wheeler,	" " " ..	2 73
Abram Brown,	" " " ..	1 11
Charles G. Sargent,	" " " ..	37 00
B. F. Nutting,	" " 1874..	3 31
J. F. Colby,	" " 1875..	2 00
Ai Dane,	" " " ..	2 00
Patrick Farley,	" " " ..	2 00
Joseph Hoar,	" " " ..	2 00
George C. Hill,	" " " ..	2 00
Clarence Phelps,	" " " ..	2 00
Arthur Wilkins,	" " " ..	2 00
Matthew Turner,	" " " ..	2 00
John W. Taylor,	" " 1874..	2 00
Peter Anderson,	" " 1873–'74	4 49
Benj. Weeks,	" " 1872..	2 00
James Innes,	" " " ..	2 00
Lewis Ballou,	" " " ..	2 00
Wm. Duguid,	" " " ..	2 00
Wm. Hills,	" " " ..	2 00
Amount carried forward.....		$179 71

Amount brought forward.....		$179 71
Richard Barney,	tax abated, 1872..	2 00
George Perry,	" " " ..	2 00
Thomas McKey,	" " " ..	2 00
M. Garland,	" " " ..	2 00
Jerry Cochlin,	" " " ..	2 00
Lewis Presty,	" " " ..	2 00
Eddie Cramm,	" " " ..	2 00
Joseph Caty,	" " " ..	2 00
A. Gardiner,	" " " ..	2 00
Henry Parsons,	" " " ..	2 00
John Murry,	" " " ..	6 80
John Grace,	" " " ..	2 00
Joseph Weeks,	" " " ..	2 00
Wm. E. Symmes,	error 1875..	2 96
Amos Leighton,	" " ..	1 26
Isaac Reed,	" " ..	6 66
Eli Tower,	" from 1869 to 1874 inclusive.....	23 99
B. Harrison,	error 1875..	2 00
Jeremiah B. Reed,	" " ..	1 18
Eben Tufts,	" " ..	2 96
Mary Richardson,	" " ..	7 40
Forge Village Horse Nail Co., tax abated 1874.....		528 00
Stony Brook Water Power Co., tax abated 1874.....		20 94
N. A. & B. R. R. Co., tax abated 1873 and '74,		73 56
John Lamountain, " " 1874.....		2 00
		$883 42

SUMMARY.

Town officers.....	235 24
Library.....	277 58
Incidental expenses.....	4,171 61
Roads and Bridges.....	1,647 64
Schools.....	782 01
Snow bills.....	309 90
Abatement of taxes.....	883 42
Overseers of the Poor.....	1,907 50
State Aid.....	492 00
Whole amount of orders.....	$8,706 90

ISAAC P. WOODS,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
NAHUM H. WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE

For School-House No. 1.

Appropriation	$5,000 00	
Sale of old house	850 00	
Apples and materials sold	33 91	
		$5,883 91
Paid for land	$ 400 00	
For labor, materials, &c., &c., as per bills filed with Selectmen	5,115 36	
Bills unpaid	4 73	
		$5,520 09
Balance of appropriation unexpended		363 82

M. H. FLETCHER,
J. W. ABBOT,
EDWARD PRESCOTT, } *Committee for School-house No. 1.*

We have examined the above bills, and find them properly vouched and correctly added.

HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
NAHUM H. WRIGHT, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year commencing February 8th, 1875, and ending Feb. 8th, 1876:

Amount of personal property at the Almshouse, including farming tools, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee,	
February 8th, 1875	$2,316 10
February 8th, 1876	2,789 80
Gain on personal property	$473 70

RECEIPTS.

Income from the farm, as by Mr. Smith's books:

Received for milk	$604 25
for 4 cows	176 24
for meadow hay	50 55
for English hay	111 13
for 8 calves	74 00
for board of C. E. Smith	124 00
for poultry	24 21
for cranberries	40 62
for old horse	25 00
for use of bull	11 00
for potatoes	11 89
for hoop poles	25 00
for old pung	3 00
for cider	6 80
for straw	3 00
for meat	24 19
for 2 hides	7 41
for pork	4 50
error in Conant's bill	1 76
for bureau	4 00
as by Smith's books	9 71
on account of Samuel Hildreth	22 00
Amount carried forward	$1,364 26

Amount brought forward	$1,364 26
Received for oxen	195 00
on last year's settlement	81 22
of the town of Bedford on account of Charlotte Bishop	65 00
for boarding Mrs. Gage	104 30
of the city of Taunton on account of Rosanna Sullivan	81 82
city of Lowell on account of W. Boyden	29 50
for State paupers	81 42
for lumber	1 70
from treasurer	1,907 50
due D. W. Smith on settlement	321 76
for State pauper (Joseph Edgerly)	6 80
left by George Britton	23 45
	$4,263 73

PAYMENTS.

Paid D. W. Smith for services as master of the Almshouse last year up to April 1st, 1875	$425 00
for one yoke of oxen	195 00
for one bull	40 00
Treasurer of Worcester Lunatic Hospital for A. H. Woodward	200 67
Treasurer of Taunton Lunatic Hospital for Rufus Keyes	210 96
J. K. Stevens for Wm. O. Wright	56 00
Town Treasurer	81 42
Arthur Wright for goods for Almshouse	294 78
" " for Joseph Edgerly	8 95
E. C. Atwood for medical attendance, Mrs. Sullivan	14 00
for Mrs. Jacob Read	7 25
for Jacob Read	7 00
city of Lowell for T. Noland	10 00
A. Fisher for wood for Mrs. James Parker	9 00
town of Littleton on account of Wm. H. Nichols	53 25
Thomas Dunn for meat	10 40
D. A. Webster for medical attendance on Mrs. Sullivan	14 00
Dan. Casey for mowing brush	6 00
for wood for T. Noland	10 00
town of Gardner for T. Noland	35 64
for moving T. Noland to Lowell	5 00
for goods furnished Noland	15 51
Wright & Fletcher for goods	13 09
for wood for J. Edgerly	3 00
John H. Lougee for Edgerly	56 56
Amount carried forward	$1,782 48

Amount brought forward.....	$1,782 48
Paid Arthur Wright for goods for Edgerly.....	11 16
goods for the Almshouse.....	7 29
Benj. Palmer on account of J. Edgerly.....	15 00
David Read on account of Joseph Edgerly.....	14 55
Charles Read for taking care of Edgerly 5½ days..	7 00
Henry Whitney for cutting brush.....	45 00
for horse blanket.....	1 50
for horse halter.....	1 00
for help to kill hogs.....	1 50
for goods, Wright & Fletcher.....	12 46
W. E. Kenny for goods.....	5 45
expense of burying the two Edgerly children.....	4 00
for 20 lbs. of cheese.....	3 20
for grate to stove.....	1 15
for bottom to boiler.....	2 50
for goods of Wright & Fletcher.....	2 72
for 15 lbs. of sugar.....	1 58
for raisins, cheese and coffee.....	1 60
for repairs on mowing machine.....	90
for 10 lbs. of beef.....	1 40
for 3 casks for cider.....	4 50
for mending boots for Amos Hildreth.....	1 05
for cloth for straw beds.....	1 56
for fish.....	1 85
for 2 pair of socks for Mrs. Kendall.....	1 00
for 2 pair of stockings for Betsey.....	1 00
for 10 lbs. of corned beef.....	1 00
for fish.....	78
for halibut.....	1 50
for getting trunk for Mrs. Edgerly.....	50
for going to Amesbury about Nichols' settlement...	10 00
to error in last year's settlement.....	5 78
for rye meal.....	1 60
for funeral service of Edgerly's two children.....	2 00
for one peck of pop corn.....	1 00
for 1 gross of matches.....	55
for 1 bbl. crackers.....	3 75
as by Smith's books.....	40 40
N. S. Hamblin services as Overseer.....	10 00
going to Cambridge on account of Jacob Read's settlement.....	3 50
George Drew for work.....	25 50
to making report to the State.....	5 00
error in last year's settlement.....	5 78
as by the Overseers' book.....	12 00
in the Overseers' hands.....	32 90
Arthur Wright, bill for goods for Almshouse.....	160 09
Amount carried forward.....	$2,258 03

Amount brought forward	$2,258 03
Paid J. M. Fletcher's bill	29 82
Wright & Fletcher's bill	97 71
Conant & Co., for grain and goods as by bills	243 05
Wm. S. Comey for meat	76 49
for two baskets	1 50
for 1 turkey	2 40
for crockery	2 05
for coffins for Edgerly's children	8 00
David Read, as Overseer of the Poor	10 00
for cloths and medicines for Mrs. Edgerly	4 70
for two shoats	20 00
Mrs. Plummer	13 85
for fish	14 70
for 1 turkey	1 25
for 10 yards of crash	1 35
for 2 lbs. coffee	70
for 6 lights of glass	30
for grinding corn	60
for 1 rooster	1 00
for 1 teapot and 2 basins	75
for grinding corn	80
for tobacco for Amos	1 00
for 5 lbs. sugar	55
for 4 lbs. of cheese	60
for shoeing horse	90
for 2 gallons molasses	1 10
for grinding corn	2 40
for 12 yards of print	88
for 4 lbs. batting	72
for wash bowl and pitcher	1 75
for N. E. rum for Mrs. Edgerly	1 50
for pasturing oxen	2 00
for hauling log to mill	1 00
for cloth and thread for Mrs. Edgerly	1 25
Abby Plummer for boots	2 50
for goods for Pat Farley	46
for bottle of liniment	50
bill at Wright's for Farley	1 16
for 2 lbs. tea	1 30
for 1 bit-stock	1 05
Wright & Fletcher	3 69
for shoeing horse	1 40
for grinding corn	97
for bag of cracked corn	1 65
for goods of Kenny	3 51
for two bushels of salt	1 30
for Mary Casey and child	3 00
Amount carried forward	$2,828 19

Amount brought forward	$2,828 19
Paid for buttons for Mrs. Edgerly	33
for going to Lynn and Swampscott about Mrs. Bishop's settlement	5 00
for deed on account of Mr. Cowdry	50
for certificate of marriage of Mrs. Bishop	50
for time spent buying horse and wagon	1 50
for going to Gardner about Tim. Noland's family	5 00
for time spent in Carlisle case	5 00
for going to Lowell about Mrs. Sullivan's settlement	2 00
town clerk of Methuen for searching the records	1 00
for deed, and searching records	2 00
for goods furnished Mrs. Sullivan	2 00
for medicine for J. Edgerly	2 65
Henry Hamblin for wood for Mrs. James M. Parker,	2 50
for cutting and splitting	80
W. A. Webster for medicine for the poor at the Almshouse	3 00
on account of Mrs. Edgerly	2 12
for going to Lowell about Tim. Noland	1 50
for going to Lowell to see Mr. Bonney about Wm. Read	1 50
Mr. Williams for searching records	1 00
F. S. Avery for mason work at Almshouse	11 25
for going to Lowell about Mrs. Henderson's settlement,	2 00
for going to Concord and Lowell to look up the settlement of Patrick Farley	5 00
for going to Littleton to settle with the Overseers on account of Nichols	1 50
for going to Groton about George Palmer	2 00
Thoms J. Wheeler for sawing and splitting wood for Mrs. J. M. Parker	3 75
for car fare to Lowell for Farley	60
for car fare for Miss Lane	30
Dan. Sherman for going to Lowell	1 00
A. W. Cummings for services as Overseer of the Poor the past year	10 00
for appraising property at Almshouse	2 50
for 36½ yards of sheeting	3 65
for freight on Mrs. Fletcher's goods	1 15
for batting and cloth for bedding	6 65
for 100 lbs. corned beef	10 00
J. F. Gilson for goods	15 33
for moving Mrs. Fletcher from Ipswich	13 28
for horse collar	4 50
bill to A. Wright for Edgerly	2 00
for two scythes	2 60
Amount carried forward	$2,967 15

Amount brought forward	$2,967 15
Paid for burying George Britton	19 35
for 1 bbl. crackers	3 50
for stockings for Mrs. Edgerly and baby	1 00
for goods of J. F. Gilson	1 44
Edgerly, car fare to Boston	90
for milk pail	1 00
for 1 bushel salt	70
for cracked corn	1 80
for 2 lbs. tea	90
baker's bill	49
for harness straps	50
for yarn	75
for scythe stones	30
Mrs. Vinal for nursing Mr. Casey	6 00
for 5 lbs. of coffee	1 90
for 1 axe	1 25
for 1 stove back	1 47
for brown and tin ware	95
for medicine for Amos	55
for 1 curry comb	30
for shoeing horse	1 40
Mrs. Murphy for milk for Mrs. Edgerly	1 32
for 1 bbl. apples	2 00
for freight on plaster paris	4 80
Mrs. Edgerly, fair to Lawrence and back	1 40
bill to A. Wright for Edgerly	1 30
Mrs. Vinal for nursing Mrs. Edgerly	7 50
Mrs. Gilson on account of Mrs. Edgerly	2 25
Nelly Bassett for labor	88 10
for horse and wagon	250 00
for cloth for Betsey Hildreth	2 00
for 2 blankets for Edgerly	3 75
for pants and shirts for Amos	3 40
for nursing Mrs. Edgerly by her mother	3 00
for 3½ yards of flannel	1 58
for shoes for Mrs. Kendall	1 15
on account of Charlotte Bishop's settlement for time spent	40 00
for time spent looking up Mrs. Sullivan's settlement,	15 00
for making out report to the State	5 00
for going to Gardner after Tim. Noland	5 00
Dr. Atwood for medical attendance at Poor Farm	23 50
for one shoat for the Farm	12 00
Asa Nutting for digging 2 graves	4 00
Wm. E. Livingston for plaster paris	34 00
going to Boston on account of Mrs. Edgerly	5 00
Amount carried forward	$3,530 65

Amount brought forward	$3,530 65
Paid for going to Boston navy yard to search the records on account of Mrs. Edgerly	5 00
to time spent at Andover to search records on account of W. H. Nichols	5 00
Wm. E. Livingston for lime, &c	8 35
A. L. Brooks for lumber	7 84
E. C. Atwood for medical attendance at Almshouse	8 00
for Mrs. James M. Parker for wood	3 00
A. W. Cummings for going after oxen	4 50
N. S. Hamblin on account of last settlement	16 15
for time and expense of looking up the settlement of Ed. Nutting and Mary A. Patch	12 00
for going to Tyngsboro' and Chelmsford on account of Mrs. Patch	3 00
N. S. Hamblin for making town report	5 00
for freight bill for lumber	1 70
for scythe and snathe	2 00
for wood for Mrs. James M. Parker	7 00
Wright & Fletcher	4 54
for sawing and splitting wood for Mrs. J. M. Parker	2 50
for going to Ipswich after Mrs. Fletcher	5 00
for going to buy cows	2 00
for going to Mrs. Nutting's	1 00
for carrying Mrs. Read to the Poor Farm	1 00
for going to Littleton to buy a horse	1 50
for soap for 1874	16 88
for coat for boy	1 05
for meal and shorts	17 57
for shoats	34 51
chopping 4 cords wood	4 00
235 lbs. of shorts	3 87
William S. Comey, for meat	6 16
for chopping wood	1 75
meal and shorts	17 07
bag of cracked corn	1 75
for 1 barrel crackers	4 00
for 4 lbs. tea	1 60
for 1 bag cracked corn	1 75
for 1 barrel crackers	3 50
for meal, shorts and cracked corn	11 80
for mending chains, shovels and wagon	1 50
error in last year's settlement	35 50
Mrs. Vinal, for labor, 1874	31 00
for going after oxen and driving	4 75
for ½ bushel of onions	85
for fresh fish	45
Amount carried forward	$3,838 04

Amount brought forward	$3,838 04
Paid Mrs. Kendall for pair of socks	50
for one turkey	2 00
for fixing axe	1 00
for 2 lbs. of tea	1 00
for 4 barrels crackers	14 25
for labor on the farm	107 62
William Read for 33½ days on the farm	33 50
for 2 cows	125 00
Webster's bill for blacksmithing	14 05
for making cider	8 05
Wright & Fletcher's bill	13 25
A. Fisher for 4 bushels potatoes	2 00
for 21 days' haying	42 00
for one day's haying	2 00
for grain and meal	11 52
for 44 gallons soap	8 16
freight on lime, brick and lumber	1 28
for rubber blanket	1 65
for sawing lumber	11 88
for mowing and piling brush	20 00
for 3 nights' watching	3 00
	$4,261 75

STATEMENT.

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm for the Year ending Feb. 8, 1876.

Amount drawn from the Treasurer	$1,907 50
For State paupers	81 42
From D. W. Smith on last year	81 22
Due D. W. Smith	321 76
	$2,391 90

RESOURCES.

Due from the City of Lowell	24 00
from City of Taunton	99 00
from Town Treasurer	81 42
from the State for State pauper	80 00
for milk	162 00
from gain on personal property	473 21
from the Overseers	32 90
for hay	6 25
for shingles	5 00
	$963 78

Cost of supporting the the poor, exclusive of the interest on the farm	$1,427 12
The number supported in the Almshouse the past year	22
Average number	$7\frac{13}{52}$
The number aided out of the Almshouse	30
Number receiving two meals and lodging	416
Number had one meal	206

N. S. HAMBLIN,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
DAVID REED,
Overseers of the Poor of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the Almshouse, in Westford.

Horse, $175; harness, 21; draught harness, 7; old harness, 50c.; curry-comb and brush, 1.25; 9 cows, 495; 12½ tons English hay, 250; 4 tons stock hay, 48; corn fodder, 6; 8 hay forks, 4; meal boxes, 6; wind mill, 4; corn sheller, 5; 50 bushels corn, 25; oats, 1.80; shorts, 3.50; hay cutter, 8; mowing machines, 90; 4 flails, 1; set of measures, 50c.; 50 flour barrels, 5; meal bags, 3; sacks, 2.40; apple picker, 50c.; drag rake, 1; 14 try chains, 4.50; ox yoke, 6; 6 iron bars, 6; ploughs, 10; cultivator, 6; 6 shovels, 4; spade, 1; manure forks, 5; manure hooks, 1; 3 picks, 1.50; ditching knife, 50c.; 2 bog hoes, 75c.; shafts and axles, 3; 2 water tubs, 1; muzzles, 25c.; ladders and hooks, 10; ox carts, 55; farm wagon, 30; fowls, 20; hog hooks, 1; horse wagon, 75; ox sled, 4; 2-horse sled, 23; 6 chains, 5; horse blanket, 1.50; cow bell, 50c.; horse rake, 2; 10 scythes and snathes, 10; grindstone, 8; wheelbarrow, 3; 15 axes, 6; carpenters' tools, 70; copper kettle, 20; 5 wood saws, 4.50; saw horses, 2.50; garden rake, 2; stove pipe, 2.25; 15 baskets, 5; grain cradle, 1; 6 hoes, 2.50; 18 bushels beans, 35; salt pork, 60; washing machine, 2; meal chest and meal, 5; 3 harrows, 10; stone drag, 5; string of bells, 25c.; soap, 2; 43 gallons pickles, 12; butter, 3.50; gallon measure, 50c.; vinegar, 5; cider casks, 5.50; molasses and barrel, 2.50; oil and can, 2 51; washtubs, 3; cook stoves, 70; air-tight stove, 6; Franklin stove, 5;

55 milk pans, 4.50; 3 wash basins, 1; tinware, 10; coffee mill, 50c.; wooden bowl, 50c.; water pot, 1; clothes wringer, 5; lard, 6; saleratus, 10c.; cream tartar, 50c.; butter mould, 1.75; churn, 1.50; 6 butter tubs, 1.50; candle mould, 50c.; sausage filler, 25c.; sugar, 1.10; salt, 1.50; spices, 75; 3 kettles, 2; iron griddle, 50c.; clothes bars, 1; chopping knives and trays, 3; 2 waiters, 2; pair of steelyards, 80c.; earthen pots, 1; stove blacking brush, 50c.; clothes bars, 1; wood cut at the door, 140; brooms, 2; mortar, 50c.; spice boxes, 40c.; flour, 10.25; sieves, 50c.; jugs, 2; lamps and lanterns, 2; knives, forks and spoons, 6; crockery, 13; shovels and tongs, 3; corn parcher, 50c.; candlesticks, 50c.; clothes dryer, 1; tumblers, 65; lot of chests, 14; 10 trunks, 10; cases, drawers, and contents, 15; 14 bedsteads and beds, 150; 5 rocking chairs, 6; cabinet chair, 2.50; table cloths and towels, 1.50; bedding, 200; cradle, 1; clocks, 3; 11 tables, 10; dinner horn, 25c.; clothes basket and line, 1; window curtains, 3; 4 looking glasses, 1.50; 7 flat irons, 3; ash shovels, 3; rifle, 3; gold necklace, 6; handcuffs, 2; bed pan, 1.50; injection pipe, 4.50; dinner bell, 75c.; beetle rings and wedges, 2.50; 6 meat barrels, 3; wrenches and hammer, 2; butter worker, 50c.; 20 brushes, 1.40; 5 chairs, 2.50; caster, 1; oil cloth, 1; shawl, 2; 2 bushel peas, 4; 2 turkeys, 4; drag plank, 5; 3 swine 50; lumber 10; shingles, 2.50; salt beef, 5, 6 casks of cider, 40; 2 bushels cranberries, 6; 150 bushels potatoes, 75; fly trap, 1; 100 lbs. pop corn, 3; bread trough, 1; apple parer, 1; coffee, 75c.; tin and iron pots, 3; 3 paint brushes, 2; Mrs. Blake's things, 36.50; 3 bureaus, 10; Mrs. Kendall's things, 8; mop handles, 25c.; corn cutter, 50c.; sickles, 50c.; George Britton's clothes, 3; rubber blanket, 1.50; buffalo robe, 3.

Amount February 8, 1875	$2,310 10
" " 8, 1876	2,789 80
Gain on personal property	473 70

LUTHER W. BLODGETT,
ALVAN FISHER,

Appraisers of property at Poor Farm.

Westford

ANNUAL REPORT

Town Clerks Office

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 1877.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE, HUSE & CO., BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS, No. 130 CENTRAL STREET.
1877.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1876.

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN,

GEO. T. DAY, J. M. CHAMBERLIN, BENJ. G. BROOKS.

ASSESSORS,

EDWD. PRESCOTT, A. B. CUTTER, OREN COOLIDGE.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

N. S. HAMBLIN, L. W. BLODGETT, C. A. DECATUR.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. Henry Read, *Chairman*,
William A. Cram,
Olive A. Prescott,
Augustus Bunce,
James Callahan,
Hezekiah Cummings.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JOHN LANKTREE.

FENCE VIEWERS,

ELI TOWER, GEO. HUTCHINS, NATH'L SWEETSER.

CONSTABLES,

Sherman H. Fletcher, Frank O. Decatur, Joseph Wall,
John M. Fletcher, George Reed, George E. Coburn,
George W. Cummings, John Logue, Charles H. Fletcher.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM,

ALVAN FISHER, THAD. A. BLODGETT, ARTEMAS W. CUMMINGS.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS,

Dist. No. 1, George E. Harris,
" " 2, James O'Brien,
" " 3, William Kittredge,
" " 4, George Tyler,
" " 5, Lewis C. Dane,
" " 6, S. Henry Nutting,
" " 7, George E. Gould,
" " 8, Charles F. Shaw,
" " 9, A. W. Cummings,
Dist. No. 10, Wayland F. Balch,
" " 11, Luther Wilkins,
" " 12, Thomas Drew,
" " 13, John Hutchins, Jr.,
" " 14, John Jones,
" " 15, Joseph Laws,
" " 16, Henry A. Hildreth,
" " 17, Lyman A. Smith,
" " 18, Josiah Walker.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

CHAS. L. FLETCHER, MRS. J. W. P. ABBOT, WM. L. KITTREDGE.

LIBRARIAN,

WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

WEIGHERS OF HAY,

John B. Fletcher, John M. Fletcher, Samuel A. Hamblin,
N. H. Wright, George W. Heywood, A. J. Abbot.
Arthur Wright, Jacob Smith,

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

Ephraim A. Stevens, A. W. Frederick, Thomas Drew,
Augustus Bunce, Allan R. Perham, Charles L. Fletcher,
Jacob Smith, Nelson L. Tuttle, J. A. Walkden,
George H. Prescott, Wesley O. Hawkes, Henry A. Hildreth.
Charles E. Whidden,

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES,

ALLAN R. PERHAM.

FIELD DRIVERS,

Daniel Ward, Frank O. Decatur, A. W. Cummings,
Merrick Reed, Julian Hildreth, A. P. Richardson,
Frederic Parker, William W. Johnson, Samuel L. Taylor,
True A. Bean, Lewis C. Dane, John E. Holden,
David H. Shattuck, Joseph Banister, Timothy Fletcher.

MEASURERS OF GRAIN AND WEIGHERS OF COAL,

JACOB SMITH, AUSTIN T. KIMBALL, CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.

MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1876.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
February 2....	John F. Hayes,.....	31	Lowell,	Newburyport.
	Margaret Campbell,.....	34	Chelmsford,	Lowell.
February 10...	Timothy Sullivan,.....	25	Westford,	Westford.
	Ellen Mahoney,.....	21	Haverhill,	Bradford.
February 12...	David H. Shattuck,.....	25	Westford,	Webster, N. H.
	Ada F. Stanley,.....	19	Westford,	Porter, Me.
March 20.....	Joseph Whitney,.....	44	Westford,	Westford.
	Mary H. Piper,.....	44	Westford,	Acton.
March 29.....	Henry M. Story,.....	20	Westford,	Waltham.
	Jane M. Jackson,.....	20	Westford,	Hodgdon, Me.
April 13.....	Ebenezer Prescott,.....	26	Westford,	Westford.
	Josephine A. Webster,.....	22	Westford,	Carlisle.
April 16.....	Nelson L. Prescott,.....	26	Westford,	Westford.
	Ella M. Davis,.....	19	Westford,	Ellsworth, Me.
June 3.....	Ransom N. George,.....	24	Westford,	Greenfield, N. H.
	Ada A. Shaw,.....	19	Westford,	Dracut.
June 10.....	Benjamin F. Dorr,.....	21	Sutton,	Northbridge.
	Mary L. Miner,.....	17	Westford,	Westford.
June 13.....	Clarence A. Webster,.....	20	Westford,	Carlisle.
	Lizzie B. Coburn,.....	18	Westford,	Westford.
June 23.....	Solomon S. Gilson,.....	27	Westford,	Groton.
	Alice A. Buzzell,.....	16	Dunstable,	Dunstable.
July 4.....	Emanuel C. Charlton,.....	27	Maynard,	Sweden.
	Belle M. Fiske,.....	24	Westford,	Canada.
July 8.....	Royal F. Lathe,.....	25	Westford,	Grafton,
	Charlotte L. Dalrymple,.....	22	Westford,	Grafton.
August 15.....	Varnum T. Fletcher,.....	34	Westford,	Westford.
	Emma E. Doane,.....	18	Westford,	Burlington, Me.
September 27..	Edward A. Moore,.....	24	Westford,	Westford.
	Mary E. Riddick,.....	21	Milton, Vt.,	Milton, Vt.
October 1.....	Wilford G. Blodgett,.....	22	Westford,	Westford.
	Nancy M. Comey,.....	26	Westford,	Westford.
October 21.....	Alvin A. McLenna,.....	35	Westford,	Tyngsboro'.
	Lillian Spaulding,.....	18	Westford,	Westford.
October 25.....	Francis R. Cook,.....	48	Newburyport,	Newburyport.
	Elizabeth B. Craig,.....	17	Westford,	Clinton.
October 31.....	George W. Cummings,.....	26	Westford,	Westford.
	Sarah M. Whitney,.....	20	Highgate, Vt.,	Highgate, Vt.
November 29...	Ellery C. Wright.....	31	Westford,	Westford.
	Catherine Sheahan,.....	29	Lowell,	Great Falls, N. H.
December 25...	Levi Reed,.....	42	Westford,	Westford.
	Martha E. Sargent,.....	18	Westford,	Maine.

Marriages recorded,..... 21
Marriages between natives,..... 20
Marriages between foreigners,..... 1

BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1876.

DATE.	NAMES.	PARENTS.
January 25...	Roscoe Herbert Closson.....	John E. and Lillian D. (Bigelow) Closson.
February 10.	Jennie O'Brien,.....	Cornelius and Harriet (Donovan) O'Brien.
" 15.	Marion Blake Cram.....	William A. and Sarah E. (Blake) Cram.
" 21.	Joanna Bolan.....	James and Mary (Hoar) Bolan.
" 23.	George Henry Lucier,.....	Nelson and Julia (Habert) Lucier.
March 4.....	Patrick McCarthy.....	Dennis and Ellen (Lennon) McCarthy.
" 10.....	Lena Almira Heywood.....	Edwin E. and Mary K. (Fletcher) Heywood.
" 18.....	George Albert Drew.....	George and Sarah J. (Ober) Drew.
April 1.....	Rose Emma Millis.....	George F. and Mary B. (Whitney) Millis.
" 8.....	Ella Jennie Butterworth.....	John T. and Kate E. (Gannon) Butterworth.
" 25.....	Horace Washington Wyman..	Walter W. and Ida A. (Blodgett) Wyman.
May 20.....	Eugene Prescott Fillebrown..	Fred. W. & Clara A. F. (Prescott) Fillebrown.
" 25.....	Mary Wilhelmina Logue.....	William and Mary A. (Ryan) Logue.
" 26.....	{ George Albert Smith..... / Charles Alfred Smith..... }	Charles E. and Nellie F. (Willoughby) Smith.
" 26.....	Aulrey Pearl Boutilier.....	George and Jane (Hutt) Boutilier.
" 27.....	Grace Amanda Burbeck.....	John and Adeline (Tower) Burbeck.
June 8.....	Frank Edwin Harris.....	David C. and Jennie B. (Fitch) Harris.
" 16.....	Grace Maria Hutchins.....	John, Jr., and Sarah E. (Nickles) Hutchins.
" 28.....	Frederic William Harris.....	William A. and Alice A. (Baker) Harris.
" 29.....	Charles Day Colburn.....	Jonathan T. and Mary E. (Day) Colburn.
July 14.....	William Johnson.....	William W. and Anna (Matthews) Johnson.
" 16.....	Elizabeth Burke.....	Dennis and Abigail (Whaley) Burke.
" 19.....	Chester Parker Nutting.	Edgar F. and Louisa M. (Smith) Nutting.
" 27.....	Everett Willis Cole.....	John and Annie M. (Lathrop) Cole.
" 27.....	John Franklin Splane.....	Patrick and Elizabeth (Sullivan) Splane.
August 6....	Thomas Francis Dunn.....	Thomas and Catherine (Duigan) Dunn.
" 7....	Michael McGlinchy.....	James and Ellen (Egan) McGlinchy.
" 7....	Pauline Robinson.....	Frederic and Lydia (Rhodes) Robinson.
" 22....	Walter Henry Buchan.....	Thomas and Mary F. (Carter) Buchan.
" 28....	Agnes McArthur Davie.....	John and Jennie (McArthur) Davie.
September 13	Cecelia Cannon.....	Patrick and Mary (Hughes) Cannon.
" 20	Frederic Sawtell Holt.....	Edward H. and Julia A. (Sawtell) Holt.
" 22	Frank Parker Felch.....	John P. and Maria (Kendall) Felch.
October 12...	Della Blanche Blodgett.....	Wilford G. and Nancy M. (Comey) Blodgett.
" 13...	Alice Gertrude Kelly.....	John L. and Hannah E. (Bicknell) Kelly.
" 18...	William Gaudette.....	Alexander and Natalie (Cyr) Gaudette.
" 23...	William Henry Story.....	Henry M. and Jane M. (Jackson) Story.
" 25...	Edith Ardell Wright.....	George W. and Carrie F. (Bailey) Wright.
" 28...	Charlotte York.....	John A. and Mary (Plummer) York,
November 1.	Alice Elizabeth Dorr.....	Benjamin F. and Mary L. (Miner) Dorr.
" 2.	Annabel Conley,.....	Michael and Ann (Fay) Conley.
" 5.	Florence Ardell Dane.....	Lewis C. and Lena M. (Blodgett) Dane.
" 15.	Ruth Fisher.....	Alvan and Amanda (Tower) Fisher.
December 22.	Elizabeth Sullivan.....	Timothy and Ellen (Mahoney) Sullivan.
" 31.	———— Hamilton.....	Henry H. and Helen (McGregor) Hamilton.
" 31.	———— Wright.....	Charles A. and Celia J. (Smith) Wright.
" 31.	Gertrude Flynn.....	John and Ellen (Duigan) Flynn.

Births recorded.....48
Males.....24
Females.....24
Births of native parentage.....27
Births of foreign parentage.....15
Births of native and foreign parentage..... 6

DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D., 1876.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		Years.	Months.	Days.
January 2,	Timothy L. Griffin,	48	10	16
" 2,	James H. Prescott,	1	2	..
" 12,	George C. Hill,	40	6	..
" 16,	Isaac Minot,	81	5	5
" 19,	Sybil Reed,	83	11	19
" 23,	Mary G. Tyzzer,	4	9	..
" 29,	George T. Doody,	3	..	6
February 15,	Edward Carleton,	77	1	26
" 21,	James J. Dailey,	..	..	14
" 23,	Sybil Flint,	83	..	1
" 26,	Warren P. Wyeth,	4	3	29
March 1,	Mary B. Farrow,	2	2	5
" 12,	Infant child of Charles Perkins,	..	..	..
April 14,	Huldah Prescott,	91	3	11
" 25,	Mary Vose,	91	1	19
May 1,	George E. Barton,	2	3	3
" 2,	Nancy McNamara,	34	..	..
" 8,	Marie P. Couillard,	38	..	..
" 17,	Abraham Bailey,	56	11	..
June 18,	Infant child of A. Cameron,	..	..	..
" 26,	Mary Moore,	80	..	..
July 2,	——— Fellows,	..	..	10
" 8,	Alonzo P. Reed,	26	3	8
" 8,	Jane A. Pray,	31	..	..
" 10,	Asa Hildreth,	73	4	23
" 16,	Allan McG. Hamilton,	1	8	27
August 15,	Almira H. Fletcher,	74	..	5
" 19,	Infant child of John Martin,	..	..	..
" 21,	William B. Gilson,	37	10	19
" 23,	Caroline M. Davis,	64	5	17
" 24,	Lewis Bruce,	74	8	10
" 28,	Olive P. Howard,	73	9	18
" 29,	Hannah W. Wright,	65	..	..
September 2,	Imlah Lawrence,	61	..	..
" 21,	Mary L. Decatur,	64	4	12
October 10,	Ralph Houghton,	50	8	23
" 23,	J. Parker Nutting,	66	9	7
November 10,	Infant child of David Doody,	..	..	..
" 10,	Martha Spaulding,	82	10	6
" 18,	Jesse Wright,	76	1	19
" 19,	James M. Wright,	67	7	23
" 19,	Martha T. Hildreth,	53	11	3
" 20,	Mary McCarty,	19	11	..
" 30,	Lizzie B. Webster,	18	8	..
December 8,	Amos Day,	77	8	8
" 11,	Daniel W. Smith,	50	2	6
" 16,	Sarah Parker,	66	6	17
" 17,	Louisa Hines,	70	3	10
" 20,	Charles S. Jones,	19	..	..

Whole number, 49.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., NOVEMBER 24, 1876.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, one hundred ninety-nine $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars for dog licenses, as per his account of 23rd inst.

$199.80. AMOS STONE, *County Treasurer.*

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1876.

Abbot, J. W.
Banister, F. W.
Banister, J. F.
Bean, T. A.
Blodgett, G. W.
Blodgett, T. A.
Blodgett, J. W.
Brinkerhoff, D.
Brooks, B. G.
Boynton, J. M.
Burbeck, S. N.
Butterfield, J.
Carkin, C. H.
Carkin, I. W.
Cole, J.
Comey, W. S.
Closson, O. S.
Conley, K.
Coolidge, O.
Cummings, J. W.
Cummings, Walter.
Day, Amos.
Day, I. E.
Day, J. W.
Daily, J.—2.
Desmond, J.
Decatur, J. H.
Downs, M. F.
Drew, G.
Drew, T.
Edwards, Moses.
Fisher, Alvan.
Fifield, Geo.
Fletcher, Almira.
Fletcher, Andrew.—2.
Fletcher, B. M.
Fletcher, L. L.
Fletcher, S. H.
Fletcher, C. L.
Fletcher, L. T.
Gould, Edwin.
Greig, John
Gray, S. B.
Hildreth, H. A.
Hutchins, John, Jr.
Hutchins, Geo.
Holdsworth, D.
Hamlin, Henry.
Horan, Thomas.
Horne, G. F.
Hawkes, W. O.
Keyes, J. W.
Leland, Ira, est.
Leighton, Amos.
Lee, William.
Lyall, Peter.
Murphy, John.
Meads, D. H.
Morrison, James.
Murray, Arthur.
McGlinchy, James.
Martin, John.
Osgood, A. P.
O'Brien, James.
O'Brien, Michael.
O'Brien, Cornelius.
Polley, A. G.
Perham, A. R.
Perham, G. A.
Prescott, Eben.
Prescott, N. L.
Read, J. H.
Reed, Wm., 1st.
Reed, Merrick.
Robinson, F.
Ruggles, H. P.
Sweetser, N.
Smith, Mary A.—2.
Smith, Lyman A.
Sheahan, A.
Sprague, I. W.
Sargent, C. G.
Shugrue, P.
Spaulding, C. W.
Shepherd, W. S.
Taylor, R. J.
Thomas, Geo.
Truby, J. E.
Tyzzer, Josiah.
Vose, W. M.
Ward, D.
Wheeler, C. A.
Whidden, C. E.
Whitney, Hiram.
Whitney, S. D.
Whitney, Susan.
Whitney, H. J.
Whitney, W. M.
Worcester, I. S.
Wright, Arthur.
Wright, J. M.
Wright, Erastus.
Writer, J. M.

Whole number licensed,	106
Males,	103
Females,	3

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1876,	$891,054 00
" personal property,	176,595 00
Total tax assessed,	12,022 49
Tax on one hundred dollars,	1 02
Number of polls,	562
" dwelling-houses,	390
" horses,	248
" cows,	526
" sheep,	5

	1875	1876
Amount raised to defray town debts and charges,	$10,000	$6,000
" " for schools,	3,000	3,000
" " for roads and bridges,	1,200	1,200
" " for public library,	250	100

Money, for dogs licensed in 1875, apportioned to schools.
" " " " 1876, " public library.

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ASAPH B. CUTTER,
Assessors of the Town of Westford.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 14, 1877.

The committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash in treasury at last settlement	$2,703 40
Cash borrowed	4,125 00
Corporation tax, 1876, in part	676 76
National bank tax, 1876, in full	624 82
State Aid to soldiers' families	493 00
State school fund, 1875–6	202 21
State on account of paupers by Overseers of the Poor	60 15
Overseers of the Poor on account of paupers from towns	286 82
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1875	182 02
William L. Kittredge, rent of Town Hall	48 00
I. W. Sprague, license	100 00
M. E. Downs, license	100 00
State, rent for armory	93 15
Town of Groton, for scholars sent to school No. 3	34 05
Alvan Fisher, storing wagon	4 00
James Callahan, sales at school No. 7	1 00
J. W. Bruce, auctioneer's license	2 00
Samuel M. Hutchins, grass, cemetery No. 1	14 50
John Lanktree, collector, 1873, in full	36 00
" " " 1874	17 43
" " " 1875	3,470 90
" " " interest on taxes	51 33
" " " 1876, before October 6th	6,641 12
" " " " " December 6th	1,634 68
" " " " after " "	1,600 00
	$23,202 34

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest	$4,855 08	
Interest on other notes	1,821 70	
State tax, 1876	1,116 00	
County tax, 1876	389 49	
State Treasurer, on account of licenses	50 00	
Overseers of the Poor	3,418 00	
Orders for incidental and other expenses	6,002 37	
Schools	3,375 13	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	2,174 57	
		$23,202 34

Your committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons on notes and other claims.

Sally B. Cummings,	notes	$ 300 00
Nahum H. Wright,	"	2,200 00
Alson Tuttle,	"	2,000 00
E. C. Heywood, estate of	"	1,000 00
Alvan Fisher,	"	1,200 00
Mrs. Sarah S. Reed,	"	1,800 00
Eli Tower,	"	2,000 00
Charles L. Fletcher,	"	300 00
Jesse Wright, estate of	"	2,000 00
Mrs. Sarah B. Lund,	"	500 00
Daniel Flagg,	"	450 00
Mrs. C. M. Davis, estate of,	"	1,000 00
Mrs. Hannah M. Whitcomb,	"	200 00
Mrs. D. C. Harris,	"	800 00
Miss Clara A. Smith,	"	100 00
Miss Arabella R. Prescott,	"	150 00
Miss Martha J. Reed,	"	500 00
Mrs. Rachel W. Davis,	"	800 00
Mrs. Sarah W. Parker,	"	2,200 00
Wm. H. Anderson, trustee,	"	2,500 00
Mrs. Eunice J. Hildreth		125 00
Mrs. Sarah Spalding		3,000 00
		$25,125 00
Accrued interest on above notes		1,220 56
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended		1,601 87
		$27,947 43

RESOURCES.

Due from State, aid to soldiers' families, 1876	$ 472 00	
" " corporation tax	34 41	
Amounts carried forward	$506 41	$27,947 43

Amounts brought forward.....	$506 41	$27,947 43
Due from John Lanktree, collector, 1874	64 85	
" " " " 1875	41 68	
" " " " 1876	1,748 58	
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	2,174 57	
		4,536 09
Balance against the town, February 14, 1877.....		$23,411 34
" " " " 9, 1876.....		21,900 12
Increase of liabilities.....		$1,511 22

J. HENRY READ,
ALVAN FISHER,
EDWARD PRESCOTT,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as Town Treasurer for year ending March 1, 1876	$50 00	
Entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with Treasurer,	4 00	
Time and expense paying State and County taxes and collecting corporation and bank taxes, 1875	6 00	
Going to Lowell six times to insure town buildings	7 50	
Going to Lowell to borrow money of W. H. Anderson, trustee	1 50	
Time and expense to Boston twice on town business	6 00	$75 00
E. R. Hodgman, salary as Town Clerk	12 00	
Postage and express	3 14	
Going to Groton to count votes	3 00	
For copying	2 50	
Recording 50 births	25 00	
" 46 deaths	6 60	
" 3 deaths not reported to Town Clerk	1 05	
Recording 21 marriages	3 15	
Going to East Cambridge	3 00	59 44
G. T. Day, salary as Selectman	5 00	
Making out State Aid report	5 00	
" " monthly State Aid book, road and dog warrants	5 00	
Making out town report	5 00	
Going to Ayer to notify coroner	2 00	
" " twice to see Chisholm	3 00	
Going to Boston twice on State Aid matters	4 50	
Paid Express	50	
Extra time as Selectman	10 00	40 00
Amount carried forward		$174 44

Amount brought forward		$174 44
J. M. Chamberlin, salary as Selectman.....	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	10 00	15 00
B. G. Brooks, salary as Selectman.....	5 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	7 50	12 50
Edward Prescott, Assessor 25 days.....	62 50	
Incidental expense	50	63 00
Asaph B. Cutter, Assessor 15 days.....		37 50
Wm. L. Kittredge, services as janitor and librarian for year ending April 1, 1877		125 00
		$427 44

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

W. A. Cram, 133 visits to schools.	$166 25	
Examining teachers.....	17 00	
Making out report, express, etc.....	11 75	
Services as secretary of the board	1 75	$196 75
Services of the late A. P. Reed as school committee.....		7 75
E. R. Hodgman, salary (in part) as school committee.....		50 00
		$254 50

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Library Committee, binding old books.....	$ 20 75	
New books purchased in July	115 81	
" " " January.....	97 45	$234 01
Wm. L. Kittredge, for printed notices.....	1 25	
Extra work on books.....	6 00	
Express	1 95	9 20
		$243 21

PRINTING.

Marden & Rowell, notices for Overseers Poor	$ 7 12	
Order book.....	8 25	
School report.....	26 50	$41 87
Stone, Huse & Co., bill-heads, dog notices, etc.	10 00	
Printing town reports.....	58 58	68 58
		$110 45

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSES,

Exclusive of Pay of Teachers.

SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 1.		
Grate for stove	6 00	
F. O. Decatur, expense on stove	1 75	
Iron work	2 89	
E. Prescott, for completion of school-house	4 74	$15 38
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 2.		
H. Dane, setting glass, white-washing, etc.,	8 75	
E. R. Hodgman, glass, wardrobe hooks, etc.	2 08	
Rogers & Taylor, wardrobe hooks and screws	69	11 52
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 3.		
Arthur Wright, one box crayons		25
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 4.		
Arthur Wright, one broom		35
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 6.		
George Drew, repairing damage by lightning	5 25	
G. B. Hildreth, painting	4 38	
James O. Kidder, mason work	3 00	
A. Bunce, repairs	3 00	15 63
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 7.		
J. H. Whitney, digging well	46 82	
W. C. Crosby, pipe for well	9 60	
Expense of stoning well	20 82	
Goodwin & Dickey, for pump	11 12	
B. G. Brooks, labor, lumber and hired help	19 22	
James Callahan, repairs on school-house	3 32	
S. G. Mack, repairing stove	6 00	116 80
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 8.		
Arthur Wright, books, glass, etc.		1 57
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 9.		
Arthur Wright, books and crayons,		2 75
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 10.		
Whithed & Co., for coal	32 52	
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight on stove	28	
Arthur Wright, books, etc.	7 28	40 08
		$204 42

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. D. Wilkerson, setting guide-post near his house		$ 1 00
Dennis McCarty, one day's work on pest house, 1872		2 50
Daniel Casey, one day's work on pest house, 1872		2 50
Charles H. Fletcher, posting warrants		4 50
Wm. Laws, two road scrapers		12 00
Union Society, use of bell		7 50
J. A. Walkden, for guide boards		2 00
L. H. Hamblett, painting four guide boards and posts		3 20
Estate of B. V. Lyon, land for school-house		100 00
W. L. Kittredge, sawing two cords wood	$ 2 00	
Care of hall for dances	3 00	5 00
A. Fisher, appraising property at town farm, 1875 and 1876		4 00
H. Ross, expense from Newton and making sketch of east burying grounds		10 00
T. A. Bean, sealing weights and measures		18 10
Asa Nutting, work on north burying ground		5 00
J. T. Colburn, " west " "		7 00
John Lanktree, collecting $2,093, after February 5th, 1876	20 93	
Tax bills for 1875	4 25	25 18
Whithed & Co., coal for town house		28 68
E. E. Heywood, railing for bridge		8 45
G. W. Cummings, collecting dog tax		6 85
T. A. Bean, strengthening shelves town house		50
E. Howard & Co., one standard measure		8 00
W. L. Kittredge, setting glass in town house		50
Edward Symmes, repairing town clock	1 00	
Surveying and making plan of east burying ground	75 93	76 93
First Parish, use of bell		7 50
Fielding & Bartlett, 4 thermometers for town house		2 00
Benner Bros., chair for Selectmen's room		3 25
David Reed, material for bridge		5 00
A. P. Richardson, attending twenty-eight funerals with hearse	49 00	
Repairing coffin rest	50	49 50
F. O. Decatur, posting warrants		4 00
S. M. Hutchins, grading at east burying ground	2 40	
Charge of east burying ground	14 50	16 90
W. L. Kittredge, for duster		70
Amount carried forward		$428 24

Amount brought forward.....		$428 24
John Lanktree, for collecting $9,999.27 *a* ¾ per cent.....	75 00	
For collecting poll taxes.....	5 00	80 00
J. N. Marshall, for legal services in two pauper cases		75 00
Wright & Fletcher, articles furnished town-house, school-houses, etc., as per bill.		64 12
		$647 41

RENEWAL OF INSURANCE.

Town-House, for five years.....	$125 00
School-Houses, No. 3 and No. 8.....	87 50
School-House, No. 2..... ...	37 50
Town-House.....	60 00
	$310 00

STATE AID PAID SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

Paid Zoa Peabody, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1877.....	$ 48 00
James A. Hosley, 12 months' State aid, ending January 1, 1877.....	120 00
Alvarado Shaw, 12 months' State aid, ending January 1, 1877.....	72 00
Mrs. Angeline Lawrence, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1877.....	48 00
Ann M. Lawrence, 10 months' State Aid, ending November 1, 1876.....	40 00
Mrs. Mary Murphy, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1877.....	48 00
Margaret Murphy, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1877.....	48 00
John N. Blood, 8 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1877.....	48 00
Whole amount paid during the the year 1876	$472 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 1.

Geo. E. Harris, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on roads in April.....	$49 19	
Breaking roads and repairing bridge, April	24 98	
Work on roads, June and September.....	27 20	
Breaking roads, December and January....	15 24	$116 61
Amount carried forward.....		$116 61

Amount brought forward.....		$116 61

DISTRICT No. 2.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on roads, April and May.....	$59 50	
Breaking road, April.....	12 40	
Repairing bridge near Wm. Taylor's.....	16 00	
Work on roads, September.....	26 40	
Breaking roads, January.....	76 70	
Breaking roads, February.....	4 40	195 40

DISTRICT No. 3.

WM. KITTREDGE, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on roads, February and March.....	$25 75	
Twenty loads gravel.....	2 00	
Work on roads, April.....	61 35	
Work on roads, June and August.....	13 80	
Breaking roads.....	35 60	138 50

DISTRICT No. 4.

GEORGE TYLER, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on roads, April, May and June.....	$109 65	
Work on roads, September.....	37 14	
Breaking roads, December and January...	46 50	
Francis Caldwell, breaking roads.....	80	
Francis Caldwell, breaking roads, December and January.....	3 70	
B. G. Brooks, breaking roads.....	1 00	
B. G. Brooks, breaking roads Dec. and Jan.	9 55	
A. R. Perham, breaking roads Dec. and Jan.	17 00	
C. F. Chugrue, breaking roads Dec. and Jan.	70	226 04

DISTRICT No. 5.

LEWIS C. DANE, Surveyor. Appropriation, $50 00.

Breaking roads, April.....	$ 9 50	
Work on roads, April and May.....	53 85	
Breaking roads, December and January...	42 40	105 75

DISTRICT No. 6.

S. H. NUTTING, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on roads, April.....	$60 00	
Breaking roads, April.....	3 90	
Work on roads, November.....	7 40	
Breaking roads, January.....	51 25	
J. W. Keyes, 33 hours' work, 1875.....	6 80	129 15

DISTRICT No. 7.

GEO. E. GOULD, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on roads, April and May.....	$62 25	
Amounts carried forward.....	$62 25	$911 81

Amounts brought forward.....	$62 25	$911 81
Breaking roads, April.....	4 80	
Work on roads, September and November.	21 35	
Breaking roads, December and January....	30 00	118 40

District No. 8.

Chas. F. Shaw, Surveyor. Appropriation, $50 00.

Work on roads, August, 1875.....	$10 90	
Work on roads, March and April, 1876....	55 00	
Breaking roads, April.....	15 20	
Work on roads, December.....	7 20	
D. W. Smith, work on roads and railing bridges.....	12 00	
J. W. Day, breaking roads.....	2 20	
W. A. Coburn, breaking roads.....	9 60	112 10

District No. 9.

A. W. Cummings, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Breaking roads, April.....	$ 8 00	
Work on roads, May, August and September	97 10	
Breaking roads, December and January...	14 23	119 33

District No. 10.

W. F. Balch, Surveyor. Appropriation, $50 00.

Work on roads.....	$50 70	
Work on roads, November.....	4 40	
Breaking roads, December and January....	12 60	67 70

District No. 11.

Luther Wilkins, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Breaking roads, March and April.....	$ 8 60	
Work on roads, April and May.....	60 00	
Work on roads.....	4 40	
Breaking roads, December.....	16 00	
Breaking roads, January and February....	9 60	98 00

District No. 12.

Thos. Drew, Surveyor. Appropriation, $50 00.

Breaking roads, April.....	$ 4 20	
Work on roads, April.....	60 75	
Repairing bridge.....	14 05	
Work on Swamp road.....	15 15	
Breaking roads, January.....	36 25	130 40

District No. 13.

J. Hutchins, Jr., Surveyor. Appropriation, $50 00.

Work on roads, April.....	$40 00	
Work on roads, September and October...	24 00	
Breaking roads, December and January...	26 00	
Amounts carried forward.....	$90 00	$1537 74

Amounts brought forward	$90 00	$1537 74
George Hutchins, raising and widening road near his house	15 00	105 00

DISTRICT No. 14.

JOHN JONES, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Breaking roads, April	$ 8 00	
Work on roads, April and May	46 60	
Repairing bridge near G. A. Parker's	15 60	
Breaking roads, December and January	29 80	100 00

DISTRICT No. 15.

JOSEPH LAWS, Surveyor. Appropriation, $50 00.

Work on roads, April and May	$53 60	
Work on roads, November	15 00	
Breaking roads, December and January ...	16 00	84 60

DISTRICT No. 16.

H. A. HILDRETH, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on roads	$54 10	
Repairing bridge	5 85	
Breaking roads, December and January ...	39 60	
Joseph Whitney, repairing roads	1 15	100 70

DISTRICT No. 17.

L. A. SMITH, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on roads, March and April	$32 90	
Breaking roads, March	5 00	
Work on roads	27 62	
Breaking roads, December and January ...	49 90	
S. E. Hutchins, breaking rods, April	1 20	116 62

DISTRICT No. 18.

JOSIAH WALKER, Surveyor. Appropriation, $60 00.

Work on road, April	$72 05	
Breaking roads, March	7 30	
Work on roads, November	6 30	
Breaking roads, December and January ...	94 30	179 95
		$2244 85

BRIDGE AT MOORE'S MILL.

Heywood & Burbeck, lumber	$ 20 66
Noah Prescott, stone	341 67
Chamberlin & Read, iron bolts and roads,...	28 10
James O'Brien, work of himself and horses...	99 35
G. Bussey and Thomsa Dunn, work	26 80
John Perry, for nails	1 84
Amount carried forward	$518 42

Amount brought forward.....	$518 42
John A. Chisholm, repairing bridge.....	396 12
G. W. Bussey, work.....	23 88
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight on derrick...	1 40
Howes & Burnham, railing for bridge.....	9 54
B. G. Brooks, time and expense on Moore's bridge.....	9 73
C. A. Wheeler, work.....	10 90
C. Edwards, work.....	2 00
Staples & Son, work.....	8 50
George C. Moore, stone.....	6 60
H. Hamblett, work on bridge.....	2 57
	$989 66

PAID OVERSEERS OF POOR AS FOLLOWS:

March 11, 1876, by order.....	$140 00
April " "	122 00
May " "	1151 00
July " "	100 00
August " "	127 00
Sept. " "	247 00
October " "	98 42
Nov. " "	175 00
Dec. " "	125 00
January 11, 1877, "	441 00
Feb. " "	691 58
	$3418 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

A. C Abbot,	1873.....	2 00
Antoyne Columb,	"	2 00
Angus Campbell,	"	2 00
John Cornwell,	"	2 00
Levy Chambault,	"	2 00
Edward Davis,	"	2 00
John Dailey, 2nd,	"	2 00
Neil Gilliss,	"	2 00
S. M. Jackson,	"	2 00
Mr. Kerr,	"	2 00
Leroy Lenfest,	"	2 00
John Marpail,	"	2 00
John O'Connell,	"	2 00
Hiram Obitt,	"	2 00
Mr. Richardson,	"	2 00
Amount carried forward.....		$30 00

Amount brought forward		$30 00	
George Strachen,	"	2 00	
Philip Seymour,	"	2 00	
Peter Turner,	"	2 00	36 00
Lewis Bruce,	1874	2 00	
J. Cruikshanks,	"	2 00	
Samuel Millard,	"	2 00	
Patrick O'Connell,	"	2 00	
Mrs. Louisa Whitney,	"	7 43	
C. E. Millard,	"	2 00	17 43
P. G. Bates,	1875	2 00	
Adrien Shaw,	"	2 00	
Benjamin Palmer,	"	10 36	
Widow Mary Farwell,	"	6 66	
Amos Brown,	"	3 33	24 35
Lewis Bruce,	1876	2 51	
Adrien Shaw,	"	2 00	
George E. Chamberlin,	"	51	
Aiken Sharron,	"	2 00	
John Lanktree,	"	1 27	8 29
John Lanktree, error in tax book			12 39
			$98 46

SUMMARY.

Town Officers	$427 44
School Committee	254 50
Public Library	243 21
Printing	110 45
School-houses	204 42
Incidental Expenses	647 31
Renewal of Insurance	310 00
State Aid	472 00
Roads and Bridges	2,244 85
Bridge at Moore's Mills	989 66
Overseers of Poor	3,418 00
Abatement of Taxes	98 47
	$9,420 37

GEORGE T. DAY,
J. MURRAY CHAMBERLIN,
BENJAMIN G. BROOKS,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year commencing February 8, 1876, and ending February 8, 1877:

Amount of personal property at the Almshouse, including farming tools, etc., as by appraisal of the Committee, February 8, 1876	$2,789 80
February 8, 1877	2,558 42
Loss on personal property	$231 38

RECEIPTS.

Income from the farm, as by Mr. Smith's books:

Received for milk	$549 52
for calves	67 00
for hay	37 00
for 1 cow	40 00
for beans	7 00
for turkeys	24 22
for 3 pigs	15 00
for cider	18 20
for apples	3 12
for 1 hog	32 78
for ashes	3 12
from C. E. Smith, for board	8 75
for potatoes	2 50
as by Smith's books	4 01
for cranberries	27 50
from David Reed	24 00
for work on the road (D. Smith)	12 00
from Treasurer	3,418 00
from Carlisle, for Earnest Gilson	3 86
from Taunton, for Mrs. Sullivan	311 76
from Townsend, for Charles Searles	128 53
from Acton, for Joseph Whitney	2 75
Amount carried forward	$4,730 62

Amount brought forward	$4,730 62
Received for board for Lucy Gage	16 25
for State paupers	7 00
for State paupers	53 15
from Lowell, for Patrick Farley	24 05
from the Overseers	32 90
from David Reed	5 00
for apples	2 25
	$4,881 22

PAYMENTS.

Paid to D. W. Smith, for services from April 1, 1875, to April, 1876	$500 00
D. W. Smith, the amount due on last year's settlem't	321 76
Alvira Smith, as administratrix on the estate of D. W. Smith	390 00
Frank Smith, for labor on farm	132 21
Ella Brown, for labor	138 00
Mrs. Parker Nutting	15 00
on account of Sarah G. Bates	53 50
on account of A. H. Woodward	220 00
on account of Mrs. Sullivan	130 52
on account of Mr. Keyes	220 50
Arthur Wright	239 26
bills on account of Charles Searles	128 53
Town Treasurer	346 96
Daniel Wetherby, 2 cows	130 00
" " grain	26 00
Imla Lawrence, 1 cow	75 00
Wright & Fletcher	231 04
for 1 ton of coal	8 50
W. S. Comey, meat bill	19 06
T. K. Stevens, on account of William O. Wright	55 80
T. M. Fletcher	42 59
Augustus Hines, for work	30 00
David Reed, for work	24 00
C. A. Decatur, for sink and labor	10 86
Nichols, for stove and hod	11 40
Thomas J. Wheeler, for splitting wood for Mrs. Jas. Parker	4 00
Charles Adams, master of the House of Correction, for board of Timothy Noland and wife	34 00
William White, for meat	9 10
for sleigh	6 00
Luther Blodgett, on account of T. Noland	24 00
City of Lowell, on account of Furnervall	29 00
Amount carried forward	$3,606 59

Amount brought forward	$3,606 59
Paid for carrying John May to State's almshouse	4 00
for bringing to Westford	2 00
N. B. Lapham, for wood to Thomas Russell	6 00
Dr. Atwood, for attendance, etc	114 75
" " for Jacob Reed and wife	50 00
" " on account of Mrs. Sullivan	21 00
Dr. Webster, for Mr. Whittier	40 50
" " for Mrs. Blake	34 50
" " for Amos Hildreth	24 00
" " for syringe and medicine	2 35
for butter	5 83
Alvin Fisher, for wood to Mrs. Parker	7 00
J. E. Griffin, for 1 pump	15 38
J. B. Fletcher, 1 tub of butter	10 73
for rye meal	1 25
for doctoring cow	2 00
for 1 plow, No. 3	7 25
for crackers	4 00
Nellie Smith, balance	35 90
Mrs. Plummer, for work	16 00
for help killing hogs	3 50
for medicine to Mrs. Fletcher	4 85
for labor in haying	18 50
blacksmith's bill	7 45
on meal	2 25
fish bill	4 10
for going after coffin	1 00
fish bill	2 56
for goods from Conant	3 38
for 2 turkeys	4 90
for goods for Noland by D. W. Smith	4 45
Miss Tanner's fare to Groton	20
bill on Mrs. Bates' trunk	50
for 1 plow-point and bolts	1 00
Cyrus Hamblin, for keeping hog	2 00
for horse hire on farm	3 00
for ½ bushel of apples	1 00
for spices	2 01
tobacco	1 10
Mrs. Sullivan	1 60
for going to Groton for W. O. Wright	1 50
for carrying Thos. Carney to almshouse	1 00
for bedstead	1 00
for going to see about Mrs. F. Chambers	2 00
for time spent in hiring Mr. Bradley	5 00
for string of bells	50
Mrs. Smith, on account of David Reed	43
Amount carried forward	$4,092 81

Amount brought forward	$4,092 81
Paid for going to Canterbury about Whittier	7 00
for going to Lowell to see about Wm. Reed's case	4 00
to see about Thomas Russell	1 00
for time spent going to Boston to consult the agent about the Pauper laws	4 00
for drawing wood for Mrs. Parker	1 00
for going to see about Mrs. Jacob Reed	1 25
for going to Littleton about Nichols	1 50
for going to Canterbury about Whittier	6 70
Dr. Webster on account of Mrs. Sullivan	3 00
R. S. Cockburn, for burying the body of James T. Patch	7 00
for going to Chelmsford on account of Wm. Furnervall's settlement	2 00
for going to Lowell on account of Phelps' case	2 00
for time spent on account of Joseph Whitney	4 00
Lowell about Carlisle case	2 00
Malden 3 times about Bishop case	12 00
for taking depositions	2 00
for going to Lowell about Wm. Furnervall	2 00
for liniment for Whittier	35
for filing saws	1 00
for mending whiffletrees	75
blacksmith's bill	95
for whiskey	50
for 4 lights of glass and putty	32
for 1 frying-pan	75
for pair of splices for harness	75
for mending Amos' boots	35
for ¼ pound mustard	15
for suspenders for Amos	25
for 1 dozen pencils	20
for ½ bushel cherries	1 80
for medicine for Mrs. Blake	25
for 1 quart of machine oil	30
for mending wash boiler	30
for 2 boxes strawberries	30
for fare to junction	50
for pair of glasses for Mrs. Fletcher	75
for tomato plants	40
for smoked herrings	50
for 2 bunches of laths for hen house	60
for garden seeds	58
for peppermint and essence hemlock	60
for bottle of liniment for Mrs. Fletcher	35
for pint of skunk's oil	50
for 1 lamp fixture	10
for 1 brush for horse	1 00
Amount carried forward	4,170 41

Amount brought forward	$4,170 41
Paid for 1 pair shoes for Betsey	40
for car fare to Lowell to collect checque	70
for 1 rubber blotter	15
for vegetables of Atwood	35
for ½ bushel of salt	35
for lumber for wagon body	75
George Drew, for work at almshouse	10 78
Town of Ipswich on account of Mrs. Fletcher	62 55
City of Lowell, for Timothy Noland	12 00
Luther Blodgett, for bull	38 00
Joshua Whidden, for Mrs. Sullivan and for carrying to the almshouse	5 00
Timothy Noland	2 00
Timothy Noland's children	2 50
for going to Cambridge for Timothy Noland	2 50
Dr. Atwood, for Joseph Whitney	2 75
for wood for Mrs. James Parker	14 98
N. Hutchinson, for meat	37 88
for 23 pounds butter, 35 cents per pound	8 05
Mrs. Charlotte A. Bishop	5 00
to Timothy Noland, for goods	2 50
for going to Lowell about William Reed	1 50
for going to Boston on account Wm. Reed and Charlotte Bishop	5 00
for time spent in finding W. Furnervall's settlements	6 00
for going to Fitchburg on account of Walter Reed and Littleton	4 00
for making out reports to the State	5 00
for going to Lowell for a pump	1 50
for going to Ayer about Walter Reed	1 50
for goods to Mrs. Noland	2 50
for going after John Morey	1 50
for going to Haverhill and Boston about Whittier	8 00
for paying clerk for showing records of Haverhill	50
N. Hutcheson, for meat	20 00
Brinkerhoff, for making cider	12 38
Conant & Co.'s bill	63 49
for cutting wood	11 19
blacksmith's bill	14 85
George Johnson on wagon	8 30
for clothes wringer	7 50
for mending tin pans	1 00
Fisher, 78 pounds of beef	6 86
Blodgett, for going to Worcester	1 00
for crackers	10 20
for soap	7 14
for 10 cider barrels	16 40
Amount carried forward	$4,596 91

Amount brought forward	$4,596 91
Paid for 478 pounds of rye of Henry Hildreth	8 94
for 4 days picking cranberries	4 00
for 1 box of tea, 46 pounds	17 27
Heywood & Burbeck, grain	150 32
for clothing and medicine, Whittier	7 60
for carrying Mrs. Sullivan to Worcester	7 50
for horse baiting and dinner at Lowell	1 00
for three basins and grater	35
for stockings for Amos	75
for rye meal	75
for salt tongues and sounds	83
as by the books	19 50
for 1 barrel squash	75
N. S. Hamblin	10 00
for carrying Whittier to almshouse and going to Haverhill to look up his settlement	7 50
making out the report	5 00
Calvin Decatur, services	10 00
Due from the Overseers of the Poor	33 25
	$4,881 22

STATEMENT

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm, for the Year ending Feb. 8, 1877.

Amount drawn from the Treasurer	$3,418 00
Loss on personal property	231 38
	$3,649 38

RESOURCES.

Paid into the Treasury	$346 96
D. W. Smith, the amount due on last year's settlem't	321 76
Mrs. Smith, on account of D. W. Smith, for services from April, 1876, to February 8, 1877	390 00
Due from the State	50 00
for 2 fat cattle	65 00
from Haverhill, on account of Whittier	250 00
from the Overseers of the Poor	33 25
for milk	57 00
for apples	6 00
for stone	16 00
	$1,535 97

Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of the interest of the farm	$2,113 61
Number receiving 2 meals and lodging	451
Number receiving 1 meal	223
Number supported in the Almshouse during the past year	12
Average number	$7\frac{5}{12}$
The number aided out of the Almshouse	48

N. S. HAMBLIN,
L. W. BLODGETT,
C. A. DECATUR,
Overseers of the Poor.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the Almshouse in Westford, Feb. 7, 1877.

Horse, $170; harness, 18; draught harness, 7; old harness, 50c; curry-comb and brush, 1.25; 9 cows, 340; 12 tons English hay, 240; 14 tons stock hay, 140; 1½ tons corn fodder, 15; 8 hay forks, 4; 11 meal boxes, 5; wind mill, 4; corn sheller, 5; 2 bushels corn, 1.50; 2 hay cutters, 8; mowing machines, 85; shafts and axles, 3; 2 water tubs, 75c; muzzles, 25c; 4 ladders and hooks, 10; ox carts, 50; farm wagon, 35; 26 fowls, 13; 5 turkeys, 7.50; 2 hog hooks, 1; 2 horse wagons, 75; ox sled, 4; 2 horse sleds, 25; 4 swine, 50; 6 chains, 4; cow bell, 50c; horse rake, 2; 10 scythes and snathes, 10; grindstone, 6; sleigh, 10; wheelbarrow, 1; 2 flails, 50c; set of measures, 25c; 25 flour barrels, 3.12; 9 meal bags, 2.50; 7 sacks, 70c; grass seed, 4; apple picker, 50c; 2 drag rakes, 1.25; 14 try chains, 7; 3 ox yokes, 5; 6 iron bars, 6; plows, 10; 2 cultivators, 5.50; 5 shovels, 50c; 4 spades, 1; 7 manure forks, 3.50; 2 manure hooks, 1; 3 picks, 2; ditching knife, 50c; 3 hog hoes, 75c; 11 axes, 2; carpenter's tools, 65; copper kettle, 2; 5 wood saws, 3; 5 saw horses, 2; garden rake, 75c; stove pipe, 2.25; 7 baskets, 3.75; grain cradle, 1; 5 hoes, 75c; 6 bushels beans, 18; 2 casks salt pork, 54; 50 pounds salt beef, 3.50; washing machine, 2; meal chest and meal, 5.50; 2 harrows, 10; stone drag, 5; string of bells, 25c; soap, 4.50; 12 gallons pickles, 2; beetle rings and wedges, 2.25; meat barrels, 2; wrenches and hammers, 75c; butter worker, 50c; 24 chairs, 2.40; castor, 1; oil cloth, 1; shawl, 2.25; ½ bushel peas, 50c; lumber, 1560 feet, 15; shingles,

1; apples, 3; 1¼ bushels cranberries, 2.25; 85 bushels potatoes, 45; fly trap, 1; 80 pounds pop corn, 3; bread trough, 75c; apple parer, 75; 2 iron pots, 1; Mrs. Blake's things, 35; 4 bureaus, 10; 8 pounds butter, 2.80; gallon measure, 50c; 160 gallons vinegar, 26; 16 casks and cider, 40; molasses and barrel, 5.50; oil and can, 3.50; 2 wash tubs, 50c; cook stove, 50; 150 pounds dried apples, 25; coal stove, 10.50; 3 air-tight stoves, 15; Franklin stove, 1; 40 milk pans, 10; 3 wash basins, 60c; tin ware, 4; coffee mill, 50c; wooden bowl, 50c; water pot, 75c; stove blacking and brush, 30c; 12 pounds tea, 6; 1 ton of coal, 9.50; 18 cords of wood, 90; 9 brooms, 50c; mortar, 50c; spice boxes, 40c; flour, 5; sieves, 50c; jugs, 2; lamps and lanterns, 2; knives, forks and spoons, 4; crockery, 15; shovels and tongs, 3; corn parcher, 50c; candlesticks, 50c; clothes drier, 1; 10 tumblers, 1; lot of chests, 13; 9 trunks, 9; cases, drawers and contents, 14; clothes wringer, 7; 35 pounds lard, 4.90; saleratus, 75c; cream tartar, 50c; butter mould, 1.75; 2 churns, 4.50; 22 butter tubs, 1.10; candle mould, 40c; sausage filler, 25c; 10 pounds sugar, 1.30; salt, 20c; spices, 20c; kettles, 50c; iron griddles, 50c; 2 clothes bars, 1; chopping knife and tray, 75c; waiter, 1; 2 pairs steelyards, 50c, earthen pot, 50c; 14 bedsteads and beds, 145; 5 rocking chairs, 6; cabinet chair, 2.50; table cloths and towels, 2; bedding, 200; 2 coats, 6; 1 cradle, 1; 3 clocks, 3; 11 tables, 11; dinner horn, 25c; clothes basket and line, 2; window curtains, 2.50; 4 looking glasses, 1.50; 7 flat irons, 3; ash shovels, 2; rifle, 3; gold necklace, 3; handcuffs, 2; bed pan, 1.50; 2 injection pipes, 6; dinner bell, 75c; Mrs. Kendall's beads, 8; 4 mop handles, 1; corn cutter, 50c; 3 sickles, 50c; 2 rubber blankets, 2; 2 buffalo robes, 5; 30 bushels roots, 7.50; cabbages, 1; onions, 3.50. Total, $2,558.42.

ALVAN FISHER,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm.

On file

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1878.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE, HUSE & CO., BOOK PRINTERS, No. 130 CENTRAL STREET.
1878.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1877.

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN,

GEO. T. DAY, BENJ. G. BROOKS, NOAH PRESCOTT.

ASSESSORS,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN, GEORGE REED,
GEORGE HUTCHINS.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. HENRY READ, HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS,
EDWIN R. HODGMAN, AUGUSTUS BUNCE,
OLIVE A. PRESCOTT, BENJAMIN G. BROOKS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JOHN LANKTREE.

FENCE VIEWERS,

ELI TOWER, GEORGE HUTCHINS,
NATHANIEL SWEETSER.

CONSTABLES,

JOHN M. FLETCHER, GEORGE W. CUMMINGS, WESLEY O. HAWKES,
GEORGE E. COBURN, JOHN LOGUE.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM,

ALVAN FISHER, THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
ARTEMAS W. CUMMINGS.

DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN LIBRARY,

CHARLES L. FLETCHER, MRS. J. W. P. ABBOT,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER.

LIBRARIAN,

ALBERT A. WRIGHT.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

WEIGHERS OF HAY,

John B. Fletcher, Arthur Wright, Abiel J. Abbot,
N. H. Wright, John M. Fletcher, Jacob Smith.
George W. Heywood, Samuel A. Hamblin, Charles E. Whidden
W. H. Fr. Rosebrook

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

L. C. Decaler

Ephraim A. Stevens, Wesley O. Hawkes, ~~Nelson L. Tuttle~~,
Thomas Drew, Charles E. Whidden, George H. Prescott,
~~Allan R. Perham,~~ Albert W. Frederick, Henry A. Hildreth,
Jacob Smith, ~~Augustus Bunce~~, Gardner A. Perham.
~~J. A. Walkden~~, Charles L. Fletcher,
J. S. Read Wilmer Stone

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES,

ALLAN R. PERHAM.

FIELD DRIVERS,

Daniel Ward,
Frederic J. Parker,
David H. Shattuck,
A. P. Richardson,
John E. Holden,
A. W. Cummings,
Samuel L. Taylor,
F. O. Decatur,
Wm. W. Johnson,
Joseph Banister,
Julian Hildreth,
Lewis C. Dane,
Merrick Reed,
True A. Bean,
Timothy Fletcher.

MEASURERS OF GRAIN AND WEIGHERS OF COAL,

Jacob Smith,
~~Austin T. Kimball,~~ J. M. Fletcher
Charles E. Whidden,
Sherman H. Fletcher,
Daniel Houghton,
J. B. Fletcher

MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1877.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
January 1	William F. Piper	20	Westford,	Littleton.
	Emma M. Plummer	18	Liverpool, N. S.,	Marg't's Bay, N. S.
January 25	Albert S. Bradley	25	Westford,	Anson, Me.
	Emma A. Whittemore	25	Lowell,	Lowell.
March 3	Jeremiah S. Murphy	23	Westford,	Haverhill, N. H.
	Mary E. Adams	19	Westford,	Warwick, R. I.
March 14	Roscius N. Fairbank	31	Townshend, Vt.,	Chester, Vt.
	Isadore Brinkerhoff	26	Westford,	Wisconsin.
March 21	Charles Dane	28	Westford,	Westford.
	Fidelia R. Thurlow	27	Methuen,	Methuen.
May 1	Charles W. Reed	38	Littleton,	Littleton.
	Mary J. Potter	40	Westford,	Boston.
May 16	James M. Sargent, Jr.	36	Lynn,	Lynn.
	Harriet E. Symmes	22	Westford,	Westford.
May 24	Napoleon B. Blood	26	Dunstable,	Groton.
	Mary O. Hutchins	21	Westford,	Westford.
July 21	George E. Harris	31	Westford,	Clinton.
	Estella S. Mills	20	Lowell,	Lowell.
August 9	Edward C. Atwood	28	Westford,	Pelham, N. H.
	Caroline Shaw	23	Winthrop,	Winthrop.
September 11	James A. Walkden	26	Westford,	Lowell.
	Lydia Kelley	27	Lowell,	Danvers.
October 23	George W. Bussey	25	Westford,	Pelham, N. H.
	Sarah J. Irish	22	Westford,	Dracut.
October 29	Charles W. Gerrish	22	Lebanon. N. H.,	Lebanon, N. H.
	Ella M. Sweatt,	22	Westford,	Manchester, N. H.
December 16	Frank C. Hildreth,	24	Westford.	Westford.
	Sarah J. Griffin	24	Westford.	Westford.

Marriages recorded 14
Marriages between natives 13
Marriages between native and foreign 1

BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1877.

DATES.	NAMES.	PARENTS.
January 6...	Allan Burt Craven.....	Edward and Emily (Irish) Craven.
" 11...	Mary Elizabeth Simpson.....	James and Margaret (Sullivan) Simpson.
" 26...	Effie Augusta Gilson.....	Solomon S. and Alice A. (Buzzell) Gilson.
" 31...	George Alfred Pelsue.....	George W. and Caroline (Lee) Pelsue.
February 2..	William Henry McClenna.....	Alvin A. & Lillian P. (Spaulding) McClenna.
" 4..	John Herbert Howard.....	Calvin L. and Mary J. (Hale) Howard.
" 11..	Flora Maria Wing.....	Thomas and Sarah J. (Keyser) Wing.
March 7.....	Arthur Samuel Edwards	George S. and Sarah (Shepard) Edwards.
" 10.....	Frederic Selden Hunt.....	George W. and Annie P. (Irish) Hunt.
" 13.....	Gertrude Day Fletcher.....	Sherman H. & Mary E. (Richardson) Fletcher.
" 20.....	Graham Ross Whidden.....	Charles E. and Emma (Dwinnell) Whidden.
" 22.....	Eliza Jane Records.....	Thomas and Ann (McDonald) Records.
" 22.....	Delia Theresa Remmes.....	Joseph T. and Mary J. (Shugrue) Remmes.
April 7.....	Albert Wright Decatur.....	John H. and Nancy M. (Wyman) Decatur.
" 10.....	Frank Raymond Prescott.....	Eben and Josephine A. (Webster) Prescott.
" 24.....	David Allen Farrer.....	Samuel F. and Susan M. (Snow) Farrer.
May 22.....	Mary Peabody (illegitimate)..	Reuben Burnham and Mary A. Peabody.
" 24.....	Florence Heywood Read.....	J. Henry and Mary E. (Falls) Read.
June 16.....	James Savage.....	Patrick and Catherine (Foley) Savage.
" 18.....	Elliot Flagg Humiston.....	Samuel G. and Harriet S. (Flagg) Humiston.
July 10.....	Waldo Fletcher Prescott.....	Noah and Frances (Tower) Prescott.
" 12.....	Charles Frederic Allan Evans.	Miner H. A. and Harriet R. (Sargent) Evans.
" 18.....	Minnie Bethiah Whitney.....	Sidney D. and Eliza (Burnham) Whitney.
" 22.....	George Albert Wright.....	Ellery C. and Catherine (Shehan) Wright.
August 18...	James Dennis Flynn.....	John and Ellen (Murphy) Flynn.
September 17	John Alexander Norrie.....	John and Jane (Gilmore) Norrie.
" 20	Thomas Mahoney.....	John and Ellen (Lynch) Mahoney.
" 30	Allan Asahel Gilson.....	James and Elvira J. (Colburn) Gilson.
October 2....	Willard Gilbert Parker.....	Charles H. and Harriet S. (Gates) Parker.
" 11....	Wesley Orin Harris.....	Charles A. and Sarah (Turnbull) Harris.
" 12....	Jennie Abbot Hawks.....	Wesley O. and Abbie F. (Hill) Hawks.
" 19....	Grace Eliza Desmond.....	Michael and Catherine (Desmond) Desmond.
" 19....	Mary Eliza Piper.....	William F. and Emma (Plummer) Piper.
" 21....	Eva Emily Fletcher.....	John M. and Eunice J. (Tebbetts) Fletcher.
" 28....	—— Fillebrown.....	Thomas G. & Augusta E. (Wyeth) Fillebrown.
November 6.	Hannah Handley.....	Daniel and Catherine (Mahoney) Handley.
" 11....	Samuel Richard Wilton Willis	William and Elizabeth (Wilton) Willis.
" 18....	—— Hildreth.....	Julian and Myra A. (Whitney) Hildreth.
" 22....	Winnifred Lackin.....	John and Mary (Gannon) Lackin.
" 30....	Mary Priscilla Bunce.....	Augustus and Emily W. (Loker) Bunce.
December 13.	William Reuben Taylor.....	Samuel L. and Alta M. (Schellinger) Taylor.
" 20....	Emma Esther Butterworth....	John T. and Kate (Gannon) Butterworth.

Births recorded	42
Males	25
Females	17
Births of native parentage	24
Births of foreign parentage	8
Births of native and foreign parentage	10

DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1877.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		Years.	Months.	Days.
January 1	Henry Hamilton,	..	..	2
" 16	John H. Lanktree,	2	4	7
" 31	Clara E. Folland,	2	6	..
February 6	Catherine Horan,	62	..	..
" 19	Infant child of Fred. Seiffer,	..	..	..
March 22	Mary F. Richardson	74	1	28
" 26	Mary W. Perry,	72	3	11
" 30	Infant child of Charles E. Smith,	..	..	..
" 30	Mary J. Cameron,	15	7	10
April 12	Thomas J. Farmer,	75	4	14
" 16	Ellen F. Smith,	21	5	10
" 22	Asa Wright,	71	6	..
" 23	Mercy Gilson,	81	2	..
" 30	Hannah Leighton,	77	10	..
May 4	William H. Holt,	3	..	..
" 7	Edea F. Drew,	81	9	5
" 24	Frances M. Wright,	40	3	6
July 4	John Wilson,	83	8	..
" 26	Infant child of John Clement,	..	..	..
" 29	Ruth Farley,	80	9	18
" 31	Addie M. Coffin,	1	8	4
August 11	Annie E. Harris,	21	7	..
" 18	Elmer Harris,	..	3	10
" 30	Emma A. Butterworth,	3	..	13
September 7	Infant child of J. S. Murphy,	..	..	..
" 30	Infant child of Varnum T. Fletcher,	..	..	..
October 9	George F. Palmer,	25	9	24
November 12	Patrick Moran,	50	11	..
December 5	Infant child of Julian Hildreth,	..	..	17

Whole number, 29.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS. NOV. 2, 1877.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, one hundred forty-nine $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars for dog licenses, as per his account of the 1st inst. $149.40.

AMOS STONE, *County Treasurer.*

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1877.

Bannister, F. W.	Edwards, Moses.	O'Brien, J.
Bannister, J. F.	Evans, M. H. A.	O'Brien, M.
Bean, T. A.	Fletcher, Andrew.	Osgood, H. G.
Blodgett, G. W.	Fletcher, Luke L.	O'Toole, P.
Blodgett, J. W.	Fletcher, L. T.	Perham, G. A.
Blodgett, L. W.	Fletcher, S. H.	Prescott, N. L.
Blood, Geo. A.	Frederick, G. S.	Prescott, Eben.
Boynton, J. M.	Gardner, R. (2)	Reed, Wm. 1st.
Brooks, B. G.	Gillespie, R.	Sargent, C. G.
Brown, A. E.	Gould, E.	Sherman, D. W.
Butterfield, J.	Gray, S. B.	Smith, L. A.
Caldwell, F.	Greig, D.	Smith, M. A.
Carkin, C. H.	Hamlin, H.	Sprague, I. W.
Carkin, I. W.	Horan, T.	Sweetser, N.
Chamberlin, H.	Hosley, J. A.	Truby, J. E.
Closson, O. S.	Hurd, P. H.	Tyler, Geo.
Colburn, J. T.	Jaques, F. P.	Tyzzer, J.
Comey, W. S.	Keyes, R. H.	Vose, W. M.
Conley, Kate.	Leland, Susan.	Warren, C.
Cole, John.	Leighton, Amos.	Whitney, Julian.
Cummings, E. M.	Lyall, Peter.	Whitney, N. M.
Curran, W.	Martin, J.	Woods, J.
Curtis, S. C.	Meads, D. H.	Worcester, I. S.
Day, J. W.	McGlinchy, J.	Wright, A.
Decatur, J. H.	Morrison, James.	Wright, E. (2)
Downs, M. F.	Murphy, John.	Wright, J. E.
Drew, Thomas.	O'Brien, C.	Wright, K. A.

Whole number licensed, ... 83
Males, ... 83

STATEMENT IN REGARD TO TOWN LOAN.

By vote of the town in May last, the Treasurer was authorized, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), at an interest not exceeding five (5) per cent., to be applied to the payment of the existing liabilities of the town. A loan was obtained from the "Worcester County Institution for Savings," Worcester, Mass., through the agency of a banking house in Boston, for twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) at four and three-fourths per cent. interest, the principal to be paid in ten years from the twenty-eighth day of May last, by an annual payment of two thousand dollars ($2,000).

Notes to the amount of the sum borrowed have been taken up, for most of which the town was paying eight per cent. interest, the notes mainly being subject to local taxation.

The following statement will show more clearly the practical working of this act of the town. The interest on the loan of $20,000, at four and three-fourths per cent., paying $2,000 of the principal yearly, will amount in ten years, when the whole debt will be paid, to $5,225.00. The same sum, with payments as above at six and three-fourths per cent. interest, after deducting one and one-fourth per cent.—a fair estimated average for taxation—will amount to $7,425.00, making a difference in favor of the town of $2,200.00.

The other obligations of the town over the $20,000.00 bear interest as follows, viz: Not subject to taxation in town, at four and three-fourths per cent., $800.00. Subject to local taxation, interest at six per cent., $2,575.00; interest at six and one half per cent., $1,000.00, bringing the whole indebtedness of the town bearing interest, to the smallest fraction over four and three-fourths per cent.

GEORGE T. DAY,
BENJ. G. BROOKS,
NOAH PRESCOTT,
Selectmen.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 12, 1878.

The Committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending this date, submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash in treasury at last settlement	$ 2,174 57
Cash borrowed	32,083 33
Corporation tax, 1876	31 13
Corporation tax, 1877, in part	620 12
National bank tax, in full, for 1877	672 74
From State Aid to soldiers' families	472 00
State school fund, 1876–7	184 76
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1876	189 81
License, I. W. Sprague	100 00
License, W. F. Downs	100 00
From State, rent for armory	150 00
Use of Town Hall, from W. L. Kittredge	10 00
Use of Town Hall, from A. A. Wright	76 25
From town of Groton, for scholars sent to school No. 3	20 00
County Treasurer, for interest, on payment of tax in advance	6 43
State Treasurer, for interest, on payment of tax in advance	3 95
Wright & Fletcher, for storage on wagon	1 00
All other sources	1 00
John Lanktree, collector, 1874, in full	64 85
" " " 1875, in full	41 68
" " " 1876, in full	1,234 26
" " " 1877, before October 6th	8,338 60
" " " 1877, before Dec. 6th	1,453 03
" " " 1877, after Dec. 6th	2,064 56
	$50,094 07

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest	$33,756 31	
Interest on other notes	1,500 50	
State tax, for 1877	930 00	
County tax, for 1877	545 29	
Overseers of the Poor, by orders	2,331 00	
Orders for incidental expenses, etc	4,582 86	
Schools	3,331 79	
State Treasurer, on account of licenses	50 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	3,066 32	
		$50,094 07

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Note due Mrs. E. J. Hildreth		$ 125 00
" " " A. H. Richardson		1,000 00
" " " R. W. Davis		800 00
" " " S. B. Cummings		250 00
" " " S. W. Parker		1,200 00
" " " " "		1,000 00
" " Worcester Co. Institution for Savings		20,000 00
		$24,375 00
Accrued interest on above notes	$ 366 38	
Balance of appropriation for schools, unexpended	1,472 29	
		1,838 67
		$26,213 67

RESOURCES.

Due from State Aid to soldiers' families in 1877	$ 414 00	
Due from State corporation tax	8 25	
" " John Lanktree, collector for 1876	514 32	
" " John Lanktree, collector for 1877	1,407 47	
" " State rent of armory for 1876	60 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	3,066 32	
		5,470 36
Indebtedness of town, February 12, 1878		$20,743 31
" " " 14, 1877		23,411 34
Decrease of debt		$2,668 03

ALLAN CAMERON,
W. H. H. BURBECK,
W. L. KITTREDGE,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1877	$896,055 00
" personal property	160,110 00
Total tax assessed	13,696 55
Tax on one hundred dollars	1 20
Number of polls	512
" dwelling houses	396
" horses	266
" cows	544
" sheep	10

	1876	1877
Amount raised to defray town debts and charges	$6,000	$7,500
" " for schools	3,000	3,000
" " for roads and bridges	1,200	1,200

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,

Assessors of the Town of Westford.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending March 1, 1877.....	$50 00	
Entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with treasurer....	4 00	
Time and expense in going to Boston three times to pay State and County tax and license to State Treasurer.....	10 50	
Time and expense in going to Lowell about insurance of school-houses...	1 50	
		$66 00
Edwin R. Hodgman, as town clerk.....	$12 00	
Postage and express.....	2 97	
Going to Groton to count votes.....	3 00	
Copying for town report.....	1 50	
Recording forty-four births.....	22 00	
Recording twenty-five deaths.....	4 40	
Recording four deaths not reported.....	1 40	
Recording fourteen marriages.....	2 10	
Going to East Cambridge.....	3 00	
		52 37
George T. Day, salary as selectman	$ 5 00	
Making out State Aid Report to State..	5 00	
Making out Monthly State Aid book and road warrants.....	5 00	
Making out dog warrants.....	2 00	
Making out register of voters.....	6 00	
Making out town report.....	5 00	
Paid twenty-one express charges.....	3 45	
Paid for two blanks for liquor license ..	40	
Nine days' time, spent in looking after roads, and procuring road machine..	18 00	
Extra time spent as selectman.....	15 00	
		64 85
Benjamin G. Brooks, salary as selectman....	$ 5 00	
Extra time as selectman,.....	12 75	
		17 75
Amount carried forward.....		$200 97

Amount brought forward.....		$200 97
Noah Prescott, salary as selectman.....	$ 5 00	
Extra time as selectman.....	20 00	
		25 00
Edward Prescott, assessor twenty-one days..	$52 50	
Asaph B. Cutter, assessor eighteen days.....	45 00	
Henry Chamberlin, assessor twenty-one days	52 50	
		150 00
		$375 97

TAX COLLECTOR.

John Lanktree, collecting $12,000 at one per cent.....	$120 00	
Collecting poll taxes.....	5 00	
Collecting $326.00 after Feb. 5, 1877...	2 46	
		127 46

CONSTABLES.

George W. Cummings, copying and posting warrants in April.....	$4 00	
Copying and posting warrants in May..	4 00	
Copying and posting warrants in June..	4 00	
Collecting dog tax, stamps, etc.....	8 88	
Copying and posting warrants in November.....	4 00	
		24 88
		$152 34

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edwin R. Hodgman, twenty-six visits to schools.....	$32 50	
Making out report, express, etc.,.....	10 40	
Examining teachers.....	8 00	
Making annual school returns.....	1 50	
Services as secretary of the board.....	1 00	
James Callahan, services as committee for three years.....	30 00	
Edwin R. Hodgman, superintendent for four months	50 00	
Superintendent for second term of school year.....	50 00	
		183 40
		$183 40

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Library committee, binding four hundred and five catalogues	$ 2 00	
Binding twenty-three books	4 75	
Unexpended balance for 1876	30 26	
For new books, in May	106 23	
For new books	51 07	
For new books in January, 1878	120 26	
Binding forty books	10 00	
For new books in February	12 25	
		$336 82

PRINTING.

Marden & Rowell, seven hundred supplements to catalogue	$28 50	
Printing school reports	36 00	
Printing blank receipts	1 50	
One hundred cards, for town library	3 00	
Stone, Huse & Co., printing as per bill	72 98	
Printing as per bill	34 25	
Labels and regulations for library	3 62	
		$179 85

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSES,

Exclusive of Pay of Teachers.

SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 1.		
Paid for repairs	$ 0 67	
Books	10 60	
Water pail and broom	58	
Crayons	75	
		$12 60
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 2.		
Paid for repairing clock	$ 0 25	
Repairs	2 35	
Twenty-one spellers, one geography and other books	8 15	
Crayons	90	
Pail, dipper and broom	83	
Ink	80	
		13 28
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 3.		
Paid for repairs	$ 1 50	
Grading around school-house	3 50	
One broom	50	
Three boxes crayons	65	
Books for desk	1 95	
Slates	37	
Books	10 05	
		18 52
Amount carried forward		$44 40

Amount brought forward.....		$44 40
School-House No. 4.		
Paid for books.....	$8 45	
		8 45
School-House No. 5.		
Paid for two brooms.....	$ 0 63	
Three boxes crayons.....	75	
Books	5 85	
		7 23
School-House No. 6.		
Paid for water pail, etc.....	$ 0 45	
Books.....	1 80	
Crayons	25	
Broom.....	30	
		2 80
School-house No. 7.		
Paid for box of crayons.....	$ 0 35	
B. G. Brooks, for repairs.....	3 38	
Box of crayons.....	25	
Books.....	4 80	
		8 78
School-house No. 8.		
Paid Hiram Dane, painting black-board, etc	$ 0 75	
Books	5 60	
Crayons.....	25	
Eraser.....	30	
		6 90
School-House No. 9.		
Paid for books.....	$1 85	
		1 85
School-House No. 10, Graniteville.		
Paid for one box crayons.....	$ 0 25	
Cleaning clock.....	1 00	
Hiram Dane, painting on inside work	15 32	
T. Costello for one Stewart coal stove	40 00	
N. P. Favor for blinds for school-house.....	3 33	
Adams & Co. for eight curtains and fixtures.....	18 00	
Books	1 45	
		79 35
Books furnished Schools by Committee.		
Thirty-seven copies Swinton's Geography...		29 60
		$189 36

EXPENSE OF PAINTING SCHOOL-HOUSE.

No. 2, Stony Brook District.

Paid Wright & Fletcher for paints and oil, as per bill.	$25 03	
Lyman E. Wilkins, painting three hundred and seventeen yards, at 4 cts. per yard	12 68	
Lyman E. Wilkins, painting nine pairs blinds, at 35 cents	3 15	
		$40 86

No. 10, Graniteville.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for paints and oil	$66 66	
Hiram Dane, for painting six hundred and fifteen yards, at 4½ cents per yd. (two coats)	27 67	
Hiram Dane, painting twenty-six pairs blinds, at 30 cents	7 80	
		$102 13

EXPENSE OF PAINTING TOWN HOUSE,

As by contract with G. B. Hildreth.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for paints and oil	$109 24	
George B. Hildreth, for eight hundred and fifty-three yards of painting, two coats, at 6 cents per yard	51 18	
G. B. Hildreth, painting twenty-seven pairs blinds, at 40 cents per pair	10 80	
G. B. Hildreth, for extra work on blinds	3 50	
	$174 72	
Received of G. B. Hildreth, for stock left on hand	3 50	$171 22

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid L. E. Wilkins, for painting and lettering nineteen guide-boards	$16 50
Wm. L. Kittredge, for care of town hall, for one dance	1 50
Wm. L. Kittredge, for one-half cord pine wood	2 25
" " " sawing and moving same	1 25
E. A. Stevens, for book-case, for town clerk	2 30
" " " " and steps for library	9 00
" " " labor at town house on doors	2 00
" " " making fourteen guide-boards	7 30
Amount carried forward	$42 00

Amount brought forward.....	$ 42 00
Paid for copy of naval credits.....	5 00
Railroad freight bill.....	1 25
Humphrey Machine Co., for road machine.....	125 00
Julian Abbot, for making supplement to catalogue..	10 00
Ames Plow Co., for castings for plows broken in working on highways.....	5 00
C. K. Darling, for document cases.....	1 90
Hotel keeper, for horse and carriage from Billerica to North Reading, for selectmen to examine road machine.....	3 00
For copy of army credits.....	20 00
Car fare, board bill, etc., of Mr. Pierce, while running road machine.....	11 60
Charles Blood, Groton, for twenty tin document cases, for town safe.....	7 00
Marshall & Crosby, for case and drawers for town safe.....	15 00
Wm. Shepard, broker, for negotiating town loan for $20,000.....	50 00
Union Society, for use of bell.....	7 50
T. A. Bean, sealing weights and measures.....	11 50
Franklin Mead, measuring surface of town house...	2 00
First Parish, for use of bell.....	7 50
E. R. Hodgman, express charges.....	35
Dodge, Gilbert & Co., for two iron bars for road machine.....	4 50
Freight bills on road machine.....	3 47
Express bill.....	1 00
Albert A. Wright, services as janitor and librarian for four months.....	31 66
L. H. Hamblett, painting and lettering guide-boards	1 30
" " making guide-boards.....	1 00
Wm. M. Whitney, for building bridge in front of his land.....	3 50
Asia Nutting, work on north burying ground.....	5 00
J. T. Colburn, work on west burying ground.....	8 00
Luther Wilkins, putting up guide-boards.....	3 00
Edward Symmes, for surveying road.....	7 50
C. S. Dodge, two days' work, repairs at town house	5 75
Whithed & Co., for coal for town house.....	41 82
For registering book.....	80
S. M. Hutchins, labor on east cemetery fence.....	3 00
D. P. Lawrence, for plank for bridge.....	3 50
James A. Sampson, carrying Mrs. J. Bent and daughter to Maynard, on account of accident.....	5 00
Submit Blodgett, of Groton, on account of injuries received on highway, in Graniteville.....	150 00
	$605 40

Amount brought forward.....	$605 40
Paid Charles A. Wheeler, for stone guide-post, bolts, etc	3 20
Albert A. Wright, services as janitor, to January 1st	15 83
" " repairs on furnace.....	37
" " setting posts and repairing fence.	75
" " sawing wood.....	1 00
J. P. Bent, Clarissa A. Bent and Emma Bent, of Maynard, for damage received to carriage and persons, near Hackett's Crossing, on Framingham railroad.....	108 00
Expense of settling the above.....	5 00
Franklin Meade, for measuring outside surface of school-houses 2 and 10.....	6 50
L. E. Wilkins, for five new guide-boards.....	2 50
" " painting six guide-boards.....	3 15
J. H. Whitney, for blowing out ledge and putting in bridge.....	6 00
F. P. Coggeshall, for ink stands, etc.....	2 85
Albert A. Wright, services as janitor, to Feb. 1st..	7 75
A. P. Richardson, for attending eighteen funerals with hearse.....	27 75
John Lanktree, for two reflectors	1 00
F. O. Decatur, repairing road machine.....	1 00
" " bolts for guide-boards.....	2 70
Luther W. Blodgett, for one cord of wood.....	6 00
H. Whitney & Co., lumber for armory closets.....	3 93
Wright & Fletcher as per bill.....	58 83
John Lanktree, for getting tax bills printed.....	3 75
Albert A. Wright, services as janitor and librarian, three months..... ...	23 75
	$897 11

STATE AID PAID SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

Paid Zoe Peabody, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1878.....	$ 48 00
James A. Hosley, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1878.	120 00
Alvarado Shaw, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1878.....	72 00
Mrs. Angeline Lawrence, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1878.....	48 00
Mrs. Mary Murphy, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1878..... ...	48 00
Margaret Murphy, 12 months' State Aid, ending January 1, 1878...	48 00
John N. Blood, 5 months' State Aid, ending June 1, 1878.....	30 00
	$414 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 1.

In charge of Wm. Kittredge. Appropriation, $50 00.

Work in April and May	$30 23	
June	6 80	
August	4 50	
		$41 53

District No. 2.

In charge of T. H. Hamblet. Appropriation, $70 00.

For labor in April and May	$46 59	
Man and four horses one day	7 00	
Labor in June and October	18 36	
		71 95

District No. 3.

In charge of Wm. Kittredge. Appropriation, $75 00.

Work in April and May	$28 86	
Paid L. W. Blodgett, for men and horses	8 00	
Work in June	10 60	
August and October	31 00	
		78 46

District No. 4.

In charge of Chas. A. Wheeler. Appropriation, $70 00.

Work on roads in April and May	$57 87	
" " October	17 29	
		75 16

District No. 5.

In charge of S. Henry Nutting. Appropriation, $50 00.

Paid for labor in April and May	$53 93	
Labor in October and November	3 70	
		57 63

District No. 6.

In charge of S. Henry Nutting. Appropriation, $45 00

Paid for labor in April and May	$36 33	
Labor in October and November	4 00	
		40 33

District No. 7.

In charge of Jephtha Wright. Appropriation, $70 00.

Paid for labor in April and May	$60 50	
L. W. Blodgett, for men and horses	11 00	
For labor	8 00	
		79 50
Amount carried forward		$444 56

Amount brought forward.....		$444 56

DISTRICT No. 8.

In charge of DAVID P. LAWRENCE. Appropriation, $70 00.

Work on roads in April and May.....	$56 41	
August and September.....	12 00	
Dodge road, near Littleton line, which was badly washed in October.....	23 28	
		91 69

DISTRICT No. 9.

In charge of LUTHER W. BLODGETT. Appropriation, $70 00.

Work on roads in April and May.....		67 06

DISTRICT No. 10.

In charge of DAVID P. LAWRENCE. Appropriation, $45 00.

Paid Frank S. Avery, for widening road and bridge near house of Levi Reed, by contract.....	15 00	
John W. Day, one-half day's work for self and two horses, on machine....	2 25	
Labor in April and May.....	19 75	
L. W. Blodgett, for man and four horses one-half day.....	3 50	
For labor.....	3 00	
		43 50

DISTRICT No. 11.

In charge of LUTHER WILKINS. Appropriation, $70 00.

Work on roads in April and May.....	$58 26	
Paid John W. Day, for one-half day's work of self and horses, on machine	2 25	
L. W. Blodgett, for man and four horses one-half day.....	3 50	
For labor.....	4 25	
Labor in October.....	6 45	
		74 71

DISTRICT No. 12.

In charge of WM. KITTREDGE. Appropriation, $60 00.

Paid Thomas J. Wheeler, for work.....	$ 3 00	
Work in April.....	6 75	
L. W. Blodgett, for work of men and horses on Bunce road.....	5 00	
L. W. Blodgett, for work of men and horses.....	6 00	
Work in August.....	16 50	
		37 25
Amount carried forward.....		$818 77

Amount brought forward.....		$818 77

DISTRICT No. 13.

In charge of GEORGE HUTCHINS. Appropriation, $50 00.

Paid for labor in April and May.....	$33 25	
		33 25

DISTRICT No. 14.

In charge of JOSEPH LAWS. Appropriation, $65 00.

Paid as per bill, for work in April and May..	$75 00	
As per bill.....	14 00	
		89 00

DISTRICT No. 15.

In charge of JOSEPH LAWS. Appropriation, $50 00.

Work in April and May.....	$60 80	
Paid for labor.....	15 80	
		76 60

DISTRICT No. 16.

In charge of DAVID P. LAWRENCE. Appropriation, $70 00.

Work on roads in April and May.....	$82 73	
September	3 00	
November.....	3 00	
		88 73

DISTRICT No. 17.

In charge of DAVID P. LAWRENCE. Appropriation, $55 00

Work on roads in April and May.....	$52 75	
On roads.....	3 51	
		56 26

DISTRICT No. 18.

In charge of JOSIAH WALKER. Appropriation, $55 00.

Work in April and May.....	$55 00	
		55 00
Complaint being made in September of the Cowdrey Hill road, David P. Lawrence was instructed to repair the same, the expense of which was.....	$27 00	
		27 00
		$1,184 61

EXPENSE OF BREAKING ROADS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1877.

Lyman A. Smith,	breaking	roads	in Dist.	17	3 40	
Ward A. Coburn,	"	"	"	8	7 40	
Luther Wilkins,	"	"	"	11	4 80	
James O'Brien,	"	"	"	2	5 50	
Lewis C. Dane,	"	"	"	5	4 70	
Josiah Walker,	"	"	"	18	2 30	
A. W. Cummings	"	"	"	9	3 20	
George E. Gould,	"	"	"	7	9 40	
James A. Samson,	"	"	"	14	2 00	
John Jones,	"	"	"	14	4 00	
S. H. Nutting,	"	"	"	6	1 20	
Wm. Kittredge,	"	"	"	3	1 90	
						$49 80

BREAKING ROADS IN FEBRUARY, 1878.

J. H. Whitney, District 9	1 60	
" " " 17	1 00	
" " " 10	60	
Sidney D. Whitney, District 12	1 60	
Josiah Walker, District 18	21 90	
Wm. Kittredge, Districts 1 and 3	5 81	
Luther W. Blodgett, Districts 8 and 9	16 25	
Charles H. Carkin and others, District 5	3 25	
Charles H. Parker, District 12	7 05	
Julian Hildreth, District 12	7 70	
George T. Day, District 10	6 05	
George T. Day, District 17	90	
		$73 71

PAID OVERSEERS OF POOR AS FOLLOWS:

April 7, 1877, by order	$495 00	
May 5, " "	104 75	
June 2, " "	100 00	
July 7, " "	146 50	
August 4, " "	253 35	
Sept. 1, " "	100 00	
Oct. 6, " "	114 50	
Nov. 3, " "	228 00	
Dec. 1, " "	150 00	
Jan. 5, " "	109 44	
Feb. 2, " "	208 86	
Feb. 9, " "	320 60	
		$2,331 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Henry Carkin	$ 3 60	
Estate of Jonas Prescott	29 80	
Estate of Mary L. Decatur, error, 1877	20 00	
		$53 40
John Brossellar, poll tax, 1874	$2 00	
Daniel Casey " "	2 00	
Reuben Cummings, poll tax, 1874	2 00	
David Dorithy, " "	2 00	
Michael Gilson, " "	2 00	
James M. Jepson " "	2 00	
John Gately, " "	2 00	
James Gately, " "	2 00	
Charles Grant, " "	2 00	
John Jackson, " "	2 00	
James Kneeland, " "	2 00	
John Lawrence, " "	2 00	
John McCuster, " "	2 00	
John Morris, " "	2 00	
G. M. Reed, " "	2 00	
George A. Robbins, " "	2 00	
F. E. Smith, " "	2 00	
Frank P. Shattuck " "	2 00	
Ira H. Symmes, " "	2 41	
F. C. Spariel, " "	2 00	
Henry R. Tucker, " "	2 00	
C. Veegan, " "	2 00	
Augustine Wilkins, " "	2 00	
Chester Writer, " "	2 00	
F. Wooster, " "	2 00	
		50 41
Narcis Bissonet, poll tax, 1875	$2 00	
John H. Brown, " "	2 00	
John Dubois, error, 1875	3 93	
George Dailey, poll tax, 1875	2 00	
George F. Hoar, " "	2 00	
Andrew Harker, " "	2 00	
John Lackey, " "	2 00	
Joseph Levigne, " "	2 00	
Napoleon Levigne, " "	2 00	
Frank Lepine, " "	2 00	
Frank Parker, " "	2 00	
John H. Quinn, " "	2 00	
Edward Strong, " "	2 00	
Robert Smith, " "	2 00	
		29 93
Nancy Comey, error, 1875	$7 40	
Jesse Bailey, poll tax, 1876	2 00	
A. R. Choate, " "	2 00	
Amounts carried forward	$11 40	$133 74

Amounts brought forward.....	$11 40	$133 74
John Cole, error, 1876.....	1 38	
John Murphy, 2nd, poll tax "	2 00	
Charles Reynolds, " "	2 00	
Eben Tufts, error, "	1 02	
David Vickery, poll tax, "	2 00	
Samuel Merrill, " "	2 00	
Ai Dane, " "	2 00	
A. H. Caryl.....	51 00	
		67 40
Jesse Bailey, poll tax, 1877.....	$2 00	
A. R. Choate, " "	2 00	
Patrick Cannon, " "	2 00	
Frank B. Craig, " "	2 00	
Charles Hewitt, " "	2 00	
John Murphy, 2nd, " "	2 00	
Mr. Moulton, " "	2 00	
David Vickery, " "	2 00	
Abel Simonds, error, "	4 14	
Sarah Cummings, error, "	3 00	
		23 14

SUMMARY.

	1877.	1876.
Town Officers.....	$ 375 97	$ 427 44
Tax Collector and Constables.....	152 34	116 28
School Committee.....	183 40	254 50
Public Library.....	336 82	243 21
Printing.....	179 85	110 45
School-houses.....	189 36	204 42
Incidental Expenses.....	897 11	531 03
Expense of Painting School-house No. 2	40 86	
" " " No. 10	102 13	
" " Town-house.....	171 22	
State Aid.....	414 00	472 00
Roads and Bridges.....	1184 61	1464 25
Breaking Roads in Jan. and Feb., 1877..	49 80	780 60
" " in February, 1878.....	73 71	
Overseers of Poor.....	2331 00	3418 00
Abatement of Taxes, 1874.....	50 41	17 43
" " 1875.....	37 33	24 35
" " 1876.....	67 40	20 68
" " 1877.....	76 54	
	$6913 86	

GEORGE T. DAY,
BENJ. G. BROOKS,
NOAH PRESCOTT,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year commencing February 8, 1877, and ending February 8, 1878:

Amount of personal property at the Almshouse, including farming tools, etc., by appraisal of the Committee, February 8, 1877	$2558 42
February 8, 1878	2855 21
Gain on personal property	$296 78

RECEIPTS.

Income from the farm, as by Mr. Bradley's books:	
Received for milk	$442 39
for calves	90 50
for cranberries	30 50
for hay	85 98
for turkeys	14 30
for vegetables	19 59
for potatoes	25 80
for labor off the farm	27 00
for two blankets	2 62
for fresh pork	22 39
for putting up pedlers	5 45
of Benjamin Palmer	9 00
for ashes	1 20
for board	1 00
as by Mr. Bradley's books	1 54
from treasurer	2331 00
from town of Ayer	18 00
for State paupers	20 00
for yoke of oxen	195 00
for fat cattle, of T. Drew	65 00
of the city of Lowell	9 00
for gold beads	3 50
from overseers of last year	33 25
	$3,454 01

PAYMENTS.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for goods	$426 53
for horse rake	35 00
for plough	13 00
Arthur Wright, for goods	116 03
Heywood & Burbeck, for grain	272 00
Wm. A. Webster, for medical attendance	141 19
Arthur Wright, for goods	50 00
John M. Fletcher, for goods	51 55
for Alden Woodward	209 03
for Rufus Keyes	235 76
for yoke of oxen	175 00
Sam Whiting, for a cow	65 00
George Read, for a cow	50 00
Peter Anderson, for a cow	20 00
T. K. Stevens, on account W. C. Wright	36 00
Arthur Wright, on account W. C. Wright	18 00
Town of Littleton, for Nickels	26 87
J. Feeney, for harness for horse cart	24 00
Nelson Tuttle, for horse cart	50 00
" " farm wagon	72 00
L. W. Blodgett, for wood for S. Nutting	35 00
C. M. Lawrence, for pump	18 00
Town of Lancaster, on account of Augustus Thorning	48 75
" " " " "	13 06
for carrying Marcus Whittier to New Hamsphire	16 95
L. W. Blodgett, for wood for Mrs. James Parker	6 00
Mrs. Hurry, for work at the almshouse from December 7, 1876, to June 22, 1877	95 96
for goods furnished Mrs. Chambers	11 00
for goods furnished for the poor	2 00
for making out reports to State	5 00
for irons for mowing machine	5 50
for work haying	36 30
L. W. Blodgett, for wood	14 00
George Read, for going to Boston for oxen	4 00
for cash, J. H. Bradley	25 00
for going to Harvard for cow	2 00
for services as overseer of the poor	10 00
George Hutchings, services as overseer of the poor	10 00
for going to Brighton for oxen	4 00
for goods furnished J. F. Butterworth	7 00
for coal and wood furnished Philip Callahan, of Boston	3 62
town clerk of Londonderry	1 00
Carrie Brown	1 00
for going to Michael Dismond, on account of his settlement	1 50
Amount carried forward	$2,463 60

Amount brought forward	$2,463 60
Paid for carrying Mrs. Farley to almshouse	1 00
for going to Amesbury, on account of W. H. Nichols	5 00
for going after Wm. H. Towle	1 50
for going to Bridgewater after Carrie Brown	15 00
for making dress for Mrs. Brown	1 00
Dr. Atwood, on account of one of Joseph Whitney's children	3 50
for apples	1 60
for going to Bridgewater on account of Mrs. Brown	10 00
for time spent on account of Wm. H. Towle	1 00
for going after John Green, and cash paid for him	10 00
for going to Boston on account of State paupers	3 50
for carrying Mrs. O'Toole to the almshouse	1 00
for going to Lancaster and Lowell, on account of Augustus Thorning	5 00
Daniel Sherman, for going to Lowell and Cambridge on Wm. Reed's case	4 40
Levi Reed, on William Reed's case	2 40
George T. Day	1 40
N. S. Hamblin	3 40
for carrying Mary Peabody and child to almshouse	1 50
Mrs. Samuel Hamlin, for work	2 00
for moving Mary Peabody and her two children, and car fare to New Hampshire	5 00
for nursing Mrs. Peabody	2 50
for time spent at the trial of the Phelps case	3 00
for going to Salem, on account of Whittier	4 00
for keg of mackerel	4 50
for blanks, to make out bills for State paupers	50
for express	60
for administering the oath	75
for blacksmithing	17 22
Hannibal Bradley, for seven months' work on the farm	84 00
for squashes	4 00
Daniel Lawrence, for turkey	1 50
work on the farm	20 34
for pair of balances	4 00
for goods from pedler	3 19
for hay	34 53
for killing four hogs	2 00
for meat	66 99
for crackers	3 25
David Reed, for pig	5 00
for two blankets	2 62
for fare to Lowell twice	1 40
for bed quilt	1 25
Amount carried forward	$2,809 94

Amount brought forward	$2,809 94
Paid for five hens	2 50
Livingston, for soap	1 20
Mrs. Murphy, for damage done by the town's cows	1 00
Mrs. Colburn, for work	25 00
Charles Colburn, for picking cranberries	1 50
for pig	3 00
for goods	6 09
for coal	10 00
for washing machine	3 00
for driving oxen	1 00
for potatoes	1 00
for freight on coal	4 40
for goods from Lowell	12 54
for two saws	2 00
for medicine	2 00
L. W. Blodgett, for turkey	1 12
Alice Bradley, for work	5 00
for tea	14 30
Thomas Quinn, cutting wood	9 67
for goods	8 05
for bottoming chairs	1 30
for corn and oats	2 49
for fish	8 91
Charles Colburn, for going with milk	50
A. Farrel, fare to Lowell	40
for bedbug poison	1 00
for oil and wrench	1 10
John Clement, for work	2 50
Wm. White, for meat	2 34
for use of plough	50
for filing saws	2 57
for tobacco	1 50
for crockery	85
for going to Boston and Cambridge on account of Phillip Callahan	5 00
for Timothy Noland	24 75
A. Fisher, for meat	7 50
for going to Boston about State paupers	3 00
for going to Peabody	
Kidder for work	5 00
C. G. Sargent, for hose	3 00
C. W. Livingston, for soap	12 55
going to Groton on account of W. O. Wright	1 25
W. P. Ruggles, for use of bull	3 00
for going to Lowell on account of John M. Burnett	2 00
for going to Littleton and Nashua on account of Nichols	5 00
Amount carried forward	$3,022 32

Amount brought forward	$3,022 32
Paid for going to Haverhill, spending two days	10 09
for note of Benjamin Palmer	72 00
Mrs. Colburn, for work at almshouse	14 00
for Mrs. Brown's trunk	5 25
Board of State Charities, for Carrie Brown	26 25
for looking up the settlement of Augustus Thorning	4 00
for two bedsteads	3 00
for going to Cambridge on account of Wm. Reed's case	4 00
for going to Lowell on account of John M. Burnett	1 50
for going to Lowell on account of the Phelps case	3 00
for going to Boston on account of John Lehey	4 00
for the expense to move him to Boston	5 60
freight bill for Timothy Noland	1 38
for cleaning clock	1 10
Littleton, on account of W. H. Nichols	31 50
for mending shoes	65
for paper, to paper room	50
for copy of deed and postage	60
for making reports to Board of State Charities	2 50
Mrs. Hosley, for washing	2 00
E. C. Atwood, for medical attendance at the almshouse	13 75
E. C. Atwood, for Jacob Reed	5 25
for two barrels	1 00
for vest for T. Carney	50
A. F. Conant, for goods	1 53
for Mrs. Brown a dress	81
Mike Mack	50
for sweet potatoes	25
for pears	85
for straw	40
for squash	45
for tin ware	2 10
Conant, for shorts	3 09
for wash board and dipper	50
for car fare	3 10
for tomato plants	90
for corn	1 00
for cabbage plants	50
for sowing onions	50
for beans	25
for rhubarb	12
for strawberries—two boxes	66
J. H. Bradley	143 18
for making out reports	5 00
N. S. Hamblin, services as overseer	10 00
Amount carried forward	$3,411 43

Amount brought forward	$3411 43
Paid for medicine	3 40
cash, Thomas Murphy	3 00
for mending boots	35
express on irons for mowing machine	80
for medicine	1 45
for coffee	99
for candles	70
for weighing hay	88
for three padlocks	47
as by Bradley's books	7 05
In the overseers' hands	34 58
	$3,454 01

STATEMENT

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm, for the Year ending Feb. 8, 1878.

Amount drawn from the Treasurer	$2,331 00
Gain on personal property	296 78
	$2,034 22

RESOURCES.

Due from the State	$55 00
from Haverhill for the last year, on account of Whittier	97 00
from Benjamin Palmer's note	72 00
from the Overseers of the Poor	34 58
for milk	18 25
	$276 83

Cost of supporting the poor, exclusive of the interest of the farm, including a portion of the salary now due Mr. Bradley	$1,914 20
Number receiving two meals and lodging	702
Number supported in the Almshouse	13
Average number	$7\frac{5}{10}$
Number aided out of the Almshouse	49

N. S. HAMBLIN,
GEORGE REED,
GEORGE HUTCHINS,
Overseers of the Poor.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the Almshouse in Westford, Feb. 8, 1878

1 horse,	$165 00
Harness,	16 00
Draught harness,	7 00
Curry comb and brush,	1 25
12 cows,	450 00
1 bull,	12 00
12 tons English hay,	216 00
9 tons stock hay,	108 00
3 tons meadow hay,	27 00
½ ton corn fodder,	6 00
8 hay forks,	4 00
11 meal boxes,	4 50
Wind-mill,	4 00
Corn-sheller,	4 50
40 bushels corn,	24 00
1 bushel oats,	50
100 lbs. shorts,	1 20
2 hay-cutters,	7 00
Mowing machine,	85 00
2 flails,	50
Set of measures,	50
42 flour barrels,	5 25
9 meal bags,	1 80
9 sacks,	1 35
Apple picker,	50
2 drag rakes,	1 50
14 tie chains,	7 00
3 ox-yokes,	5 00
5 iron bars,	5 00
5 ploughs,	23 00
2 cultivators,	5 00
5 shovels,	3 50
4 spades,	1 00
6 manure forks,	2 40
1 manure hook,	1 00
3 picks,	2 00
Ditching knife,	50
2 bog hoes,	75
Shafts and axles,	3 00
3 water tubs,	1 50
Ox-muzzles,	25
Ladders and hooks,	10 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,225 25

Amount brought forward,	$1,225 25
2 ox-carts,	50 00
Farm wagon,	72 00
Hay wagon,	25 00
Horse-cart and harness,	74 00
23 fowls,	11 50
9 turkeys,	13 00
3 hog hooks,	1 25
2 horse-wagons,	60 00
Ox-sled,	4 00
Rope,	50
7 axes,	3 00
Carpenter's tools,	40 00
Horse-sled,	20 00
4 swine,	40 00
6 chains,	4 00
Cow-bell,	50
Horse-rake,	35 00
Scythes and snathes,	10 00
Grindstone,	5 00
1 sleigh,	7 00
Wheelbarrow,	1 00
Grass seed,	2 00
Copper kettle,	2 00
5 wood saws,	5 00
5 saw-horses,	2 50
Garden rake,	75
7 baskets,	3 50
Grain cradle,	75
3 hoes,	75
7 bushels beans,	17 50
2 harrows,	10 00
Stone drag,	5 00
String of bells,	50
4 casks salt pork,	120 00
Cask hams,	20 00
Washing machine,	5 00
Meal chest and meal,	5 50
40 gall. soap and cask,	5 50
10 gall. pickles,	4 00
Beetle ring and wedges,	2 25
Amount carried forward,	$1,914 50

Amount brought forward,	$1,914 50
Butter workers,	50
Wrenches and hammers,	2 00
24 chairs,	2 40
1 castor,	1 00
Oil cloth,	1 00
Lumber,	12 00
Shingles,	1 00
125 pounds lard,	15 00
2 bushels of cranberries,	3 00
90 bushels of potatoes,	45 00
50 cabbages,	1 00
30 bushels of roots,	9 00
3 bushels of onions,	1 80
2 fly traps,	1 00
150 pounds pop corn,	4 50
Apple parer,	50
Iron pots,	1 00
10 pounds butter,	2 50
Gallon measure,	50
200 gallons vinegar,	40 00
16 casks,	8 00
Molasses and barrel,	6 00
Oil and can,	2 00
4 wash tubs,	2 50
Cook stove,	45 00
Wash boiler,	3 50
50 pounds dried apple,	7 50
Coal stove,	10 00
3 air-tight stoves,	15 00
Clothes wringer,	7 00
Butter moulds,	1 50
2 churns,	4 50
23 butter tubs,	2 30
Candle mould,	25
Sausage filler,	25
10 pounds sugar,	1 00
Salt,	2 50
2 kettles,	1 80
Iron griddle,	50
Clothes lines,	1 00
Chopping knife and tray,	75
Waiter,	75
3 pairs steelyards,	4 50
Earthen pots,	50
Bedsteads and beds,	145 00
5 rocking-chairs,	6 00
Cabinet chair,	2 50
7 table cloths and towels,	3 25
Bedding,	190 00
Amount carried forward,	$2,534 55

Amount brought forward,	$2,534 55
Cradle,	1 00
Clock,	2 50
8 tables,	8 00
Dinner-horn,	25
Clothes line,	25
Window curtains,	2 25
2 shawls,	2 25
3 looking-glasses,	1 00
Franklin stove,	1 00
30 milk pans,	4 50
4 wash-basins,	60
Tinware,	10 50
Coffee mill,	50
Wooden bowl,	50
Water pot,	75
Stove blacking and brush,	30
2 pounds tea,	1 00
2 tons coal,	14 50
50 pounds soap grease,	2 50
30 cords of wood,	150 00
3 brooms,	1 00
Mortar,	75
5 boxes and spice,	1 00
1½ barrels of flour,	12 00
2 sieves,	60
Jugs,	2 00
Lamps and lanterns,	6 00
Knives, forks and spoons,	4 00
Crockery,	10 00
Shovel and tongs,	2 50
Candlesticks,	50
Clothes-drier,	1 50
6 tumblers,	60
9 chests,	10 00
7 trunks,	6 50
Case of drawers and contents,	5 00
7 flatirons,	2 75
Ash shovel,	1 25
Rifle,	3 00
Handcuffs,	2 00
Bed pan,	1 50
2 injection pipes,	6 00
Dinner bell,	75
Mrs. Kendall's beads,	7 00
4 mop handles,	1 00
3 sickles,	50
Rubber blanket,	1 00
Buffalo robe,	4 00
6 pairs stockings,	2 30
Total,	$3,305 00

ALVAN FISHER,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Public Library hereby submit their twenty-third annual report, and would therein briefly call the attention of the citizens of Westford to the condition of the institution in their charge.

It is ascertained from the librarian's ledger, that for the year ending February 1, 1878, there have been nine thousand five hundred and eighty-three issues of books to four hundred and sixty-six different applicants, showing an increased circulation of six hundred and six volumes over that of last year. The whole number of books in the library is three thousand one hundred and ninety-five, of which two hundred and eighty-five have been added during the year, by purchase and gift.

Wishing the library to have the largest usefulness, the committee have not purchased books of a sectarian character, leaving to the gifts of individuals, or corporations, to supply any seeming want in that direction. The library is indebted to the Unitarian Association for their published books, some sixty volumes. It also sends each year its present organ, the *Monthly Unitarian Review*, as it did, from the first, the *Old and New*. The publishing fund of the Swedenborgian Church has given the theological works of Swedenborg, twenty volumes. Nearly all the works in the public library relating to spiritualism, are the gifts of individuals. In addition it has received the past year, Massachusetts State Department, "Pub. Doc's.," five vols.; Massachusetts "Census," three vols.; Massachusetts "Board of Education," two vols.; Massachusetts "Board of Health," one vol.; Hon. B. F. Butler, three vols.

With regard to the condition of the books we can not express that entire satisfaction we could wish. Too large a number of volumes, in proportion to the whole, have to be rebound, or are condemned, annually. This betokens a carelessness on the part of patrons of the library, against which we earnestly protest, which,

from the nature of the case, is all we can do, as the injuries are generally of such nature, that it is impossible for the librarian to note them.

At the request of the directors, the librarian has ascertained the percentage of works of fiction taken out during the months of April and May, and October and November, which was seventy-two per cent. during the first two months, and seventy-four for the last-named months. It is believed, from reference to the record books, that seventy-three per cent. will express the average rate of fiction taken out during the year. Judging from the catalogues sent from other towns, this is about the accustomed per cent. of works of imagination, showing that human nature is everywhere much the same; and from these being now made the vehicle for the inculcation of moral truths, and of the kindly and social virtues, they may well be the stepping-stones in the formation of a taste for more solid books.

We call attention to the fact that a large number of statistical and other public documents, valuable as works of reference, encumber shelves that otherwise would be devoted to the use of publications of more interest to the general reader. With this removal ample room would be had for the proper shelving of such books as may be added for several years to come. Another point of consideration is that, as all the shelves are stationary, much space is wasted that could be used if they were movable, and we suggest that such additional shelves as will be necessary, in future, be put up adjustable, which could be done with little extra expense.

The origin of our free public library may not be generally known to the present generation. In 1797, a respectable number of the citizens of Westford agreed to form a shareholders' library, the number of shares not being less than fifty; the price of each share was two dollars. With commendable spirit they took from one to four shares each. With the money resulting therefrom, the first purchase of books was made. The small tax of twenty-five cents was imposed on each share, which, with the fines accruing—always faithfully collected—paid the expenses of the library and admitted of the purchase of a few books each year, not, as now, of the latest works, which were beyond the means of the library, but still, works of sterling value in History, Travels, Biography, etc. It is observable in their list of books, that they catered to the public taste by admitting one of the very few novels then known, the Vicar of Wakefield.

The library was kept at private houses, at small cost—in one

house thirteen years, at six dollars a year—the librarian acting also as clerk and treasurer. The books were given out every day, and at any hour. By reference to ancient records, it is found that the ability of its directors to purchase books was enlarged by increasing the number of its shares to sixty, to accommodate new applicants for its privileges. As the library increased, its patrons, appreciating the advantage it would be to the town to have a free public library, began, in 1853, to agitate the question of giving up theirs for this purpose, and in 1854 it was submitted to the voters of the town and accepted, with the following conditions: That the town should pay all expenses connected with the library, and appropriate not less than thirty dollars a year for the purchase of new books.

In this way Westford was one of the earliest towns to establish a free public library. It was in 1848, only six years previous, the Massachusetts Legislature passed an act authorizing a public library in Boston. The neighboring towns had libraries of the same description, but suffered them to be extinguished by sale, or a division of the books among the shareholders, instead of exercising the wiser forethought of the fathers here, who provided for the increase of books until they were able to present the town with rather over thirteen hundred volumes, the foundation of the present valuable collection.

The town has been faithful to its agreement, increasing its appropriation from time to time, to accommodate the increasing number of readers. We ask, therefore, with confidence, that the town will appropriate for the library one hundred dollars this present year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance of appropriation from Directors of Public Library, for year 1876–7.	$ 30 26	
Annual appropriation for new books	100 00	
Dog tax appropriated " " "	189 81	
Exchange of books	1 00	
Two books lost	1 00	
Fines	8 86	
		$330 93

PAYMENTS.

May 5, 1877. A. Williams & Co., bill of books..	$132 49	
October 6, 1877. Lockwood & Brooks, bill of books.....	54 82	
January 11, 1878. Estes & Lauriat, bill of books.	121 24	
February 8, " Estes & Lauriat, bill of books.	15 81	
Miscellaneous books.....	3 40	
Express, postage, etc.....	2 63	
Balance, cash in hands of Directors.....	54	
		$330 93
Balance, cash brought from old account.....		$0 54

CHARLES L. FLETCHER,
MRS. J. W. P. ABBOT,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Directors of Public Library.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1879.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE, BACHELLER, & LIVINGSTON, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS, 18 JACKSON ST.
1879.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD,
1878.

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN,

GEORGE T. DAY, BENJ. G. BROOKS,
NOAH PRESCOTT.

ASSESSORS,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, GEORGE HUTCHINS,
GEORGE REED.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. HENRY READ, HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS,
EDWIN R. HODGMAN, MOSES EDWARDS,
OLIVE A. PRESCOTT, JOHN WILSON.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JOHN LANKTREE.

CONSTABLES,

WILLIAM C. EDWARDS, JOHN LANKTREE,
JOHN P. TAYLOR, WESLEY O. HAWKS.

FENCE-VIEWERS,

ELI TOWER, GEORGE HUTCHINS,
WILLIAM KITTREDGE.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM,

ALVAN FISHER, THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
ARTEMAS W. CUMMINGS.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, WILLIAM E. FROST,
ELIZA A. BABBITT.

LIBRARIAN,

ALBERT A. WRIGHT.

WEIGHERS OF HAY,

JOHN B. FLETCHER, JACOB SMITH,
ARTHUR WRIGHT, GEO. W. HEYWOOD,
ABIEL J. ABBOT, SAML. A. HAMBLIN,
N. H. WRIGHT, CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,
JOHN M. FLETCHER, W. H. H. BURBECK.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

Ephraim A. Stevens,
Thomas Drew,
Geo. H. Prescott,
Albert W. Frederick,
Jacob Smith,
Charles L. Fletcher,
Wesley O. Hawks,
Charles E. Whidden,
Frank O. Decatur,
Henry A. Hildreth,
Gardner A. Perham,
Albert S. Read,
Gilmer Stone.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES,

ALLEN R. PERHAM.

FIELD-DRIVERS,

Timothy Fletcher,
Danl. E. Atwood,
Frank C. Hildreth,
Napoleon B. Blood,
Edward C. Atwood, M. D.,
James A. Walkden,
Charles Dane,
George Reed.

MEASURERS OF GRAIN AND WEIGHERS OF COAL,

Jacob Smith,
Daniel Houghton,
Charles E. Whidden,
Sherman H. Fletcher.

COMMITTEE ON TOWN HISTORY,

George T. Day,
Edwin R. Hodgman,
William E. Frost,
Alvan Fisher,
John M. Fletcher.

MARRIAGES,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1878.

DATES.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
January 1.....	Daniel E. Atwood.....	27	Westford.	Pelham, N. H.
	Lizzie A. Davidson.....	21	Stow.	Stow.
March 23.....	Richard B. Tobie.....	53	Lowell.	Pittsfield, Me.
	Eunice J. Hildreth.....	62	Westford.	NewDurham,N.H.
May 29.....	George F. Dupee.....	28	Westford.	Westford.
	Annie E. Richardson.....	25	Gilford, N. H.	Brownfield, Me.
May 30.....	Edwin B. Gilson.....	23	Westford.	Westford.
	Kate D. Blodgett.....	17	Westford.	Westford.
June 6.....	George W. Heywood.....	48	Westford.	Westford.
	Mary E. Cushing.....	32	Boston.	Roxbury.
June 15.....	Augustus L. Gilson.....	25	Westford.	Westford.
	Cora J. Saunders.....	18	Brookline, N. H.	Brookline, N. H.
July 18.....	Franklin B. Craig.....	20	Westford.	Neponset.
	Ida E. Gilson.....	18	Westford.	N. Chelmsford.
July 21.....	Joseph H. Keey.....	28	Westford.	Westford.
	Emeline S. Stevens.....	24	Westford.	Newry, Me.
August 10.....	John W. Raymond.....	21	Westford.	Westford.
	Mary E. Willis.....	22	Westford.	New York City.
August 10.....	Willie M. Wright.....	21	Westford.	Westford.
	Addie S. Hosmer.....	21	Westford.	Acton.
August 21.....	John H. Giles.....	30	Westford.	
	Anna Ida Chesley.....	19	Westford.	Chesterville, Me.
November 12..	Lester H. Hamblet.....	25	Dover, N. H.	Westford.
	Nellie F. Pope.....	23	Ayer.	Shirley.
December 12..	Willie White.....	22	Westford.	Scotland.
	Clara F. Carter.....	22	Westford.	Westford.

Marriages recorded..... 13
Marriages between natives..... 12
Marriages between native and foreign..... 1

BIRTHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1878.

DATES.	NAMES.	PARENTS.
January 4.	Frank Willard Harris	William F. and Lucinda L. (Baker) Harris.
" 13.	Daniel Francis Gillis	Daniel and Winnifred (Quinn) Gillis.
Feb. 3	Emily Elizabeth Prinn	William and Caroline (Willis) Prinn.
" 10	Julia A. Augusta Hutchinson.	George and Annie (Foley) Hutchinson.
" 14	Edith Ann Seiffer	Frederic and Annie (Kelly) Seiffer.
" 19	—— Doody	David and Maria (Griffin) Doody.
" 21	Lilia Frances Sullivan	Timothy and Ellen (Mahoney) Sullivan.
March 8	Robert Cushman Flagg	Rufus and Mattie B. (Rowley) Flagg.
" 10	Harry Curtis Felch	John P. and Ann Maria (Kendall) Felch.
" 17	Adnah Prescott Comey	William W. and Mary (Jackson) Comey.
" 22	Nina Madora Frederick	Albert W. and Augusta (Davis) Frederick.
" 22	Clifford Alliston Moore	Edward A. and Mary E. (Riddick) Moore.
" 25	Lula Viola Dane	Lewis C. and Lena V. (Blodgett) Dane.
" 28	Carrie Elizabeth Fifield	Geo. H. and Mary J. (Dow) Fifield.
April 4	Alfred William Searles	Charles J. and Martha M. (Bicknell) Searles.
" 30	Maud Evelyn Cummings	Oren W. and Sarah E. (Pinkham) Cummings.
May 6	Josephine Dyer	Josiah B. and Hannah (Ackerly) Dyer.
" 13	Ellen Abigial Burke	Dennis and Abigail (Whalley) Burke.
" 14	Elmer Francis McLenna	Alvin A. and Lillian (Spaulding) McLenna.
" 15	Elizabeth Jennings	Michael and Bridget (Mahanoy) Jennings.
June 3	Charles Philip Larkin	Cornelius L. and Bridget (Bradley) Larkin.
" 4	Lillian Ann Maria Blaisdell	Alvin J. and Elizabeth A. (Hutchins) Blaisdell.
" 12	Sadie Blanche Cummings	George W. and Sarah M. (Whitney) Cummings.
" 17	Mary Evelyn Atwood	Edward C. and Caroline (Shaw) Atwood.
July 20	Arthur Edward Day	John W. and Emma M. (Sprague) Day.
" 21	William Thomas Wing	Thomas and Sarah J. (Keyser) Wing.
August 2	—— Sugden	Thomas and Caroline (Robinson) Sugden.
" 7	Eva Elnora Hutchins	George and Eliza A. (Hutchinson) Hutchins.
" 14	Ernest Linwood Closson	Orin S. and Hulda (Campbell) Closson.
" 23	Patrick Donohue	Florence and Maggie (O'Neal) Donohue.
Sept. 27	—— Boutilier	George and Jane (Hutt) Boutilier.
Oct. 13	Florence Ada George	Ransom N. and Ada (Shaw) George.
" 15	John Campfield	Abram and Mary (Murphy) Campfield.
" 17	Amos Burnap Polley	Alvin G. and Marietta (McIntire) Polley.
" 21	Jonathan Henry Colburn	Jonathan T. and Mary E. (Day) Colburn.
" 23	Joseph William Queesy	Louis I. and Mary (Trottier) Queesy.
" 28	Sadie Gilson	Edwin B. and Kate D. (Blodgett) Gilson.
Nov. 18	Cora Juliette Pearson.	Oscar U. and Mary A. (Kennedy) Pearson.
" 26	Elmer Wesley Caunter	John W. and Elizabeth J. (Mann) Caunter.
" 28	Nellie Blanche York	John A. and Agnes (Plummer) York.
Dec. 1	Bertha Alma Walkden	James A. and Lydia (Kelly) Walkden.
" 4	Thomas Richmond Frost	William E. and Sarah H. (Keith) Frost.
" 20	Anna Louisa Records	Thomas and Ann (McDonald) Records.
" 27	Mary Dailey	George F. and Maggie (Casey) Dailey.
" 27	John O'Brien	Cornelius and Harriet (Donovan) O'Brien.
" 29	Louisa Frances Pelsue	George W. and Caroline (Lee) Pelsue.

Births recorded	46	Native parentage	25
Males	21	Foreign parentage	14
Females	24	Native and foreign parentage	7

DEATHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1878.

Dates.	Names.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.
January 9	Sarah Conant	96	2	6
" 9	Elizabeth Cunningham	74	..	..
" 13	Mary L. Loftus	38	..	..
" 28	Bethia P. Heywood	73	2	24
February 6	Sarah W. Parker	76	10	4
" 22	John Tower	60	10	..
" 28	Maria Fellows	26	4	..
March 21	Frederic H. Hildreth	..	1	2
" 29	Cora May Lister	1	10	25
April 4	Mary E. Dunn	24	..	8
" 22	Mary F. Tower	65	2	22
" 25	Violet Bailey	7	1	25
" 28	Mary O'Brien	38	1	2
May 1	Susan L. Prescott	19	..	17
" 16	Infant child of A. A. McLenna	..	..	2
" 16	Dennis McCarthy, Jr	13	5	27
June 5	Martha E. Reed	19	8	12
" 13	Sarah M. Cummings	22	..	..
" 14	Bertha L. Lovejoy	..	1	23
July 1	Martha E. Nickles	19	10	21
" 5	John Ervin Brawn	2	6	..
" 14	Infant child of Geo. White	..	..	..
" 16	Charles G. Sargent	58	11	29
" 29	S. Josephine Osgood	15	3	10
August 10	Sarah Osgood	91	11	7
September 1	Samuel R. Tilton	33	..	28
October 4	John Richard Yapp	1	5	9
" 29	William O. Wright	62	11	8
November 4	George A. Blood	41	8	14
" 5	Joseph W. Quessy	..	..	14
" 6	Edmund Symmes	72	7	5
" 10	Alice E. Kimball	19	..	..
" 20	Elizabeth Wilson	83	10	..
" 20	Harriet C. Wilkinson	66	4	..
December 4	Louis H. Hildreth	65	9	..
" 24	Betsey P. Day	77	10	20

	Male.	Fem.
Between 90 and 100 years of age	0	2
" 80 " 90 " " "	0	1
" 70 " 80 " " "	1	4
" 60 " 70 " " "	2	2
" 50 " 60 " " "	1	0
" 40 " 50 " " "	1	0
Between 30 and 40 years of age	1	2
" 20 " 30 " " "	0	3
" 10 " 20 " " "	1	5
" 5 " 10 " " "	0	1
" 1 " 5 " " "	1	1
Under 1 year of age	4	

Whole number 36

Males ..... 22 Females 14

Of the above, — were born in Westford; — in other towns in the Commonwealth; and — in other places.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., NOV. 1, 1878.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County One Hundred and Fifty-Six $\frac{60}{100}$ Dollars, on account of Dogs Licensed for 1878—*$156.60.*

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1878.

Bannister, F. W.	Fletcher, Andrew	Osgood, H. G.
Bannister, J. F.	Fletcher, L. L.	Perham, A. R.
Blodgett, L. W.	Fletcher, L. T.	Perham, G. A.
Blodgett, J. W.	Frederick, G. S.	Polley, David
Blodget, T. A.	Gardner, R.	Prescott, Eben
Boynton, J. M.	Gould, E.	Read, C. W.
Bean, T. A.	Gray, S. B.	Read, J. H.
Brooks, B. G.	Greig, David	Reed, M.
Butterfield, J.	Hamlin, H.	Reed, Wm. 1st
Carkin, C. H.	Holdsworth, D.—2	Sargent, C. G.
Carkin, I. W.	Horan, T.	Smith, G. H.
Carmichael, J.	Hurd, P. H.	Smith, M. A.
Chamberlin, H.	Ireland, Nellie	Shugrue, P.
Clark, P. S. F.	Keyes, R. H.	Sweetser, N.
Comey, W. S.	Larkin, C. N.	Tyler, Geo.
Comey, W. W.	Leighton, A.	Tyzzer, J.
Conley Kate	Leland, S. P.	Vose, W. M.
Cummings, E. M.	Lyall, P.	Wall, P.
Curran, W.	Martin J.	Whitney, Geo.
Dailey, J.	Meads D. H.	Whitney, W. M.
Day, I. E.	Murphy J.	Wright, Arthur
Decatur, F. O.	Murray A.	Worcester, I. S.
Decatur, J. H.	Norrie J.	Wright, K. A.
Downs, M. F.	O'Brien, C.	Wright, J. E.
Drew, Thos.	O'Brien, J.	Wright, Walter E.
Elliot, G. H.	O'Brien, M.	Wright, Erastus
Evans, M. A. H.	O'Toole, P.	Wright, Albion

Whole number	82
Males	80
Females	2

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 12, 1879.

The Committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending this date, submit the following report:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash in treasury at last settlement	$3,066.32
Cash borrowed	5,000.00
Corporation tax, 1877–'78, in full	8.25
" " 1878, in part	629.74
National bank tax, 1878, in full	611.67
From State—aid to soldiers' families, 1877, refunded	414.00
" " —school fund, 1877–'78	233.60
County Treasurer—dog tax, 1877	138.94
I. W. Sprague, license	100.00
M. F. Downs, license	100.00
From State—rent of armory, 1876	56.85
" " " " " 1878, in full	150.00
" Albert A. Wright, collected for rent of town hall and cellar	119.83
" town of Tyngsborough, for scholars sent to School No. 8	7.75
" Selectmen—oxen sold	500.00
County Treasurer—interest on tax paid in advance of time due	3.73
Overseers of the Poor, 1877–'78	65.00
State—on pauper account	7.00
Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license	2.00
Daniel Casey, refunded for book	1.10
Selectmen, for apples sold on school lands, No. 1	1.00
John Lanktree, collector, 1876, in part	432.94
" " " 1877, " "	992.17
" " " 1878, before Oct. 6th	7,679.21
" " " 1878, " Dec. 6th	1,673.95
" " " 1878, after " "	1,695.24
" " " interest on taxes	64.87
	$23,755.16

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest	$7,125.00	
Interest on other notes	1,160.00	
State tax, for 1878	620.00	
County tax for 1878	447.86	
State Treasurer, 25 per cent. on licenses	50.00	
Overseers of the Poor, by orders	1,561.39	
Orders for incidental expenses	6,191.28	
For schools	3,411.42	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	3,188.21	
		$23,755.16

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Note due Mrs. E. J. Tobie		$ 125.00
" " " A. H. Richardson		1000.00
" " " R. W. Davis		800.00
" " " S. B. Cummings		250.00
Notes " " S. W. Parker—estate of		2,200.00
" " Worcester County Institution for Savings		18,000.00
		$22,375.00
Accrued interest on the above notes	$ 296.87	
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended	1,253.28	
		1,550.15
		$23,925.15

RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1878	$ 501.00	
" " " " " " " 1879	32.50	
" " " corporation tax 1878	25.32	
" " " indigent soldiers	374.40	
John Lanktree, collector for 1876	81.38	
" " " 1877	415.30	
" " " 1878	2,370.36	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	3,188.21	
		$6,988.47
Indebtedness of town, Feb. 12, 1879		$16,936.68
" " " " 12, 1878		20,743.31
Decrease of debt		$3,806.63

ISAAC E. DAY,
G. W. HEYWOOD,
J. MURRAY CHAMBERLIN,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1878	$826,740.00
" " personal property	157,410.00
Tax on one hundred dollars	1.30
Number of Polls	531
" " dwelling houses	390
" " horses	257
" " cows	562
" " sheep	40
Amount raised to defray town debts and charges	$7,500.00
" " for schools	3,000.00
" " " roads and bridges	1,700.00
State tax	620.00
County tax	447.86
Overlayings	589.70
Total tax	$13,857.56

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
Assessors of Westford.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending March 1st, 1878.....	$50.00	
Entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with treasurer....	4.00	
Time and expense in paying State tax, 1877.....	3.50	
Time and expense in paying license to State Treasurer.....	3.50	
Time and expense at Boston, delivering papers and receiving loan of $20,000	4.00	
		$65.00

TOWN CLERK.

Edwin R. Hodgman, salary.....	$12.00	
Postage and express.....	3.21	
Going to Groton to count votes.....	3.00	
Copying for town report.....	1.50	
Recording forty-eight births.....	24.00	
" thirty-five deaths.....	5.50	
" one death not reported.....	.35	
" thirteen marriages.....	1.95	
Going to East Cambridge.....	3.00	
		$54.51

SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary.....	$5.00	
Making out State Aid Report to State..	5.00	
" " monthly State aid book.....	3.00	
" " dog warrants.....	2.00	
" " register of voters.....	6.00	
" " town report.....	5.00	
" " report to Fire Ins. Com.....	1.00	
" " " " State Board Health	1.00	
" " returns under the Legislative Act of 1878, for the aid of soldiers and sailors.....	5.00	
Ten days' time looking after roads.....	20.00	
Expense while away on town business...	5.50	
Extra time as selectman.....	9.00	
		$67.50

Benjamin G. Brooks, salary	$5.00	
Extra time as selectman	7.56	
		$12.56
Noah Prescott, salary	$5.00	
Ten days' time looking after roads	20.00	
Extra time as selectman	9.00	
		34.00

ASSESSORS.

Edward Prescott, twenty days' time, assessing tax	$50.00	
Asaph B. Cutter, eleven and one-half days' time, assessing tax	28.75	
Henry Chamberlin, six days' time, assessing tax	15.00	
Paid assistant, in making taxes, nine days' time	18.00	
		$111.75

TAX COLLECTOR.

John Lanktree, collecting $588 of 1877 tax	$ 5.88	
Collecting dog tax of 1877	.50	
Paid for one thousand tax bills, 1878	3.25	
Collecting dog tax of 1878	10.50	
" $11,350, at 1 per cent	113.50	
" poll taxes	5.00	
		$138.63

CONSTABLES.

George W. Cummings, copying and posting warrants	$5.35	
John Lanktree, copying and posting warrants	4.00	
		$9.35

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edwin R. Hodgman, superintendent for third term of school year	$50.00	
Making annual report	10.00	
Examining teachers	3.50	
Making annual school returns	1.50	
Services as Secretary of the Board	1.00	
Paid express	.50	
Superintendent for term ending July 1st, 1878	50.00	
Superintendent for term ending Dec. 7th, 1878	50.00	
Examining teachers, fall term	3.50	
		$170.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid directors in April	$ 50.00	
" " " August	75.00	
" " " Jan., 1879	113.94	
" for extra work on eighty-eight books	1.50	
" " covering and labeling one hundred and ninety-eight volumes	19.80	
Paid for writing catalogues, etc	.30	
" " binding books in August	13.00	
" " " " " Jan., 1879	25.95	
		$299.49

TOWN HOUSE.

A. A. Wright, services as janitor and librarian, from Feb. 1st, 1878, to Feb. 1st, 1879	$120.67	
Sawing wood in February	2.50	
Paraffine for hall and shavings for fires	.93	
Extra compensation for nine dances, not ending till after midnight	13.50	
Removing wood and water in cellar	2.50	
Sawing and moving four loads of wood, in December	4.50	
Whithed & Co., for coal	18.82	
C. G. Sargent & Son, work on chandelier	1.80	
Paid for repairs on lamps	1.25	
		$166.47

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

For rent of armory	$150.00
" housing carriages, etc. } " dances and other gatherings }	120.00
	$270.00

PRINTING.

Stone & Huse, printing six hundred town reports	$60.85	
Printing twenty-five notices	12.5	
" one hundred blanks	2.50	
" and binding four valuation books	7.25	
Marden & Rowell printing five hundred school reports	35.33	
Marden & Rowell, printing blank bills, etc	3.50	
		$110.68

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSES,

Exclusive of Pay of Teachers.

SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 1.		
E. A. Stevens for repairs	$2.50	
C. W. Blood, for repairs	3.66	
Paid for crayons and ink	1.15	
" " broom	.30	
" " books	.20	
" " moving coal and grading	8.50	
" " repairs on stove in December	2.50	
E. A. Stevens, for repairs in "	1.40	
		$20.21
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 2.		
E. A. Stevens, for repairs	$6.68	
" " " blackboard	1.50	
Paid for crayons and ink	.90	
" " books	6.78	
		15.86
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 3.		
Paid for books	$10.22	
		10.22
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 4.		
E. A. Stevens, for repairs in June	$1.68	
" " " " " Dec.	1.75	
Paid for crayons	.50	
" " broom and pail	.50	
" " books	4.08	
		8.51
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 5.		
E. A. Stevens, for repairs	$6.15	
Paid for books	3.35	
A. Bunce, for repairs	2.75	
Paid John Wilson, for pump	10.00	
" " " " new steps	9.50	
" " " " repairs of fence	1.00	
Paid John Wilson, for repairs of doors, etc	2.00	
" " " " locks, etc	.52	
		35.27
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 6.		
John Wilson, for repairs	$1.57	
E. A. Stevens, " "	1.75	
Paid for crayons	.50	
" " books	4.93	
" " broom	.20	
		8.95
Amount carried forward		$99.02

Amount brought forward.....		$99.02
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 7.		
Wm. C. Edwards, repairs.....	$5.40	
		5.40
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 8.		
Paid for books.....	$0.88	
" " crayons.....	.50	
		1.38
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 9.		
Paid for crayons.....	$0.25	
		.25
SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 10—GRANITEVILLE.		
E. A. Stevens, repairs.....	$1.60	
Jeptha Wright, for grading.....	1.50	
Paid for books and crayons.....	2.20	
" " one dozen erasers.....	4.00	
		9.30
Books furnished schools by committee.....	$1.00	
Eight small globes.....	2.00	
		3.00
		$118.35

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

I. F. Woodward, for work on armory.....	$ 5.10
Thaddeus Blodgett, appraising property at Poor Farm..	2.00
A. & E. G. Spalding, for posts to repair fence.....	1.50
Paid Aldrich & Johnson, for two pairs of oxen.....	365.00
Ames Plow Company, for tools.....	14.88
H. A. Hildreth, for repairs on plow.....	5.00
F. P. Coggeshall, for blank books, etc.....	5.00
First Parish, for use of bell.....	7.50
Aldrich & Johnson, for one pair of oxen.....	185.00
T. A. Bean, for sealing weights and measures.....	10.00
Wayland F. Balch, for paradé ground furnished Spalding Light Cavalry for State inspection...	10.00
Union Society, for use of bell.....	7.50
J. A. Walkden, for repairs on Capt. Fifield's wagon	5.98
N. S. Hamblin, for plow.....	5.00
Jonathan Colburn, work on W. Burying Ground...	6.50
George Boutlier, as per bill.....	6.34
Luther W. Blodgett, for damage to wagon on highway.....	5.00
A. A. Wright, grading around Town House.....	.50
Chamberlin & Reed, for blacksmithing.....	15.30
Amount carried forward.....	$663.10

Amount brought forward	$663.10
Paid Edward Symmes, for surveying	19.50
S. H. Nutting, work on N. Burying Ground	5.00
Isaac W. Green, for gravel, as per bill	6.00
John M. Fletcher, taking care of common, removing trees, etc	5.00
Police officers, services in 1877, at Town Hall	8.25
S. M. Hutchins, work on E. Burying Ground	4.00
For assistance in removing water from Town House cellar	.41
Sidney D. Wright, for driving oxen from Watertown	1.50
Wright & Fletcher, for goods	66.96
For pasturing one pair of oxen	5.00
" license blanks	.50
Humphrey Machine Company, for plate	8.25
Expense of carring two pairs of oxen from Keene, N. H., to Watertown	15.00
For driving oxen from Watertown	4.00
" four tie chains	2.00
George Hutchins, for two rakes broken while working on road	1.12
Ames Plow Company, for castings for plows broken while working on road	3.50
Ames Plow Company, for plow point	.60
For four bottles of Centaur Liniment, used on necks of road oxen	3.75
S. B. R. R., freight bill	1.15
E. A. Stevens, for repairs on Town House	24.80
Nathaniel Sweetser, for posts and rails	5.00
For driving one pair of oxen to Watertown, to be sold, and keeping while there	4.00
Express charges, as per bill, for 1878	4.65
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	8.67
	$870.71

Aid Paid to Soldiers and Sailors, under the Act of the Legislature of 1878, chap. 282	$374.40
	$374.40

STATE AID PAID SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

State Aid for January, 1878	$36.50
" " " February, "	36.50
" " " March, "	45.50
Amount carried forward	$118.50

Amount brought forward	$118.50
State Aid for April, "	42.50
" " " May, "	42.50
" " " June, "	42.50
" " " July, "	42.50
" " " August, "	42.50
" " " September, "	42.50
" " " October, "	42.50
" " " November, "	42.50
" " " December, "	42.50
" " " January, 1879	32.50
	$533.50

PAID OVERSEERS OF POOR AS FOLLOWS:

April, by order	$215.83
May, " "	56.82
June, " "	146.00
July, " "	105.23
August, " "	50.00
Oct., " "	102.52
Dec., " "	224.23
February, 1879, by order	660.76
	$1,561.39

EXPENSE OF INSURANCE.

Premium—School-House No. 1, for five years	$30.00
" " " 5, " " "	30.00
" —Town Farm buildings, " " "	58.50
	$118.50

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

By vote of the town, the Selectmen were chosen Highway Surveyors, to take charge of the roads and make such repairs and improvements as their judgment might direct.

Feeling it was important to have the machine worked by a person of experience, we employed Mr. Henry D. Pierce, paying him $35.00 per month and board; and we were well satisfied with his work. One man was paid $15.00 per month and board; the others, $1.25 per day, boarding themselves.

The machine was run nearly three months, costing about $650.00, which has been apportioned as nearly as can be, estimating by the time it worked in each district; although the expenditure appears

more than was really made for the machine itself at the time, for the reason that we have included in the $650.00 (expense of the machine) the cost of keeping the oxen nearly a month [July] after the work on the roads was finished.

We feel that the expense to the Town from damage to the roads, caused by the showers of August 9th, would have been very much larger had it not been for the machine-work done previous to that time; and, had it not been for those showers, our roads would have been in better condition than for many years.

REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 1.

In charge of Wm. Kittredge.

Work in April and May	$36.37	
" of the road machine	18.60	
" " D. P. Lawrence and men, levelling after machine	11.88	
Work of Timothy Fletcher	1.00	
Expense of hauling gravel and grading in front of Unitarian Church	10.87	
		$ 78.72

District No. 2.

In charge of T. H. Hamblet.

Work of the road machine	$24.00	
T. H. Hamblet and men, levelling after machine	44.92	
Work of the machine, one-half day, near W. Hunt's	4.40	
George Hutchins and men, levelling after machine	3.25	
Work on the Keyes' road, in December	6.40	
		82.97

District No. 3.

In charge of Wm. Kittredge.

Work of the road machine	$23.80	
" in April and May, including levelling after machine	75.32	
Work of machine, one day on Lowell road	8.80	
T. H. Hamblet and men, levelling after machine	10.00	
		117.92
Amount carried forward		$279.61

Amount brought forward		$279.61

District No. 4.

In charge of B. G. Brooks.

Work in May	$25.27	
" of the machine in June	46.00	
B. G. Brooks and men levelling after machine	63.77	
Work on Makepeace road in May and June	15.75	
" " " " " Nov. " Dec.	5.53	
Paid Geo. C. Moore for 30 loads gravel to harden sand hill	7.50	
		163.82

District No. 5.

In charge of B. G. Brooks.

Work of the machine in June	$37.20	
B. G. Brooks and men levelling after machine, etc	63.29	
		100.49

District No. 6.

In charge of Stephen H. Nutting.

Work in May	$10.00	
" of the machine in June	26.40	
S. H. Nutting and men levelling after machine, etc	27.76	
Work—cutting brush, etc	13.30	
		77.46

District No. 7.

In charge of David P. Lawrence.

Work of the machine in April	$48.20	
D. P. Lawrence and men	61.11	
Merrick Reed, repairs in December	1.87	
Josiah Blodgett, repairs	1.87	
		113.05

District No. 8.

In charge of D. P. Lawrence.

Work of the machine	$57.00	
D. P. Lawrence and men, in April, May, and June	78.57	
Paid for picking stone	2.00	
		137.57
Amount carried forward		$872.00

Amount brought forward		$872.00

District No. 9.

In charge of David P. Lawrence.

Work of the machine	$28.40	
D. P. Lawrence and men, in April and May	34.93	
Paid for picking stone	2.00	
" D. McCarty, for cleaning out water-courses, etc	3.20	
		68.53

District No. 10.

In charge of David P. Lawrence.

Paid for fifty loads gravel, put upon roads in April	$12.50	
Work of the machine	19.60	
D. P. Lawrence and men, levelling after machine	27.36	
Paid for picking stone	2.75	
D. McCarty, cleaning out water-courses	1.00	
		63.21

District No. 11.

In charge of D. P. Lawrence.

Work of the machine in May	$19.60	
D. P. Lawrence and men, levelling after machine, from the Centre to Minot's Corner	23.28	
Work of the machine, from Minot's Corner, south	18.60	
Geo. Hutchins and men, levelling after machine, from Minot's Corner, south	15.00	
Paid for picking stone in June	2.00	
" D. McCarty, for work, levelling, etc	3.62	
" G. T. Day, men and team, work in front of Orthodox Church	18.00	
Paid C. Hamlin, for gravel	5.50	
" for hauling gravel, in December	1.25	
		106.85

District No. 12.

In charge of Wm. Kittredge.

Thomas J. Wheeler, work in April	$ 5.00	
Work of Wm. Kittredge and men, in April and May	32.25	
Work of the machine in June	48.40	
" " G. Hutchins and men, levelling after machine	32.45	
		118.10
Amount carried forward		$1,228.69

Amount brought forward		$1,228.69

District No. 13.

In charge of George Hutchins.

Work on Bicknell road, in April	$14.80	
" of the machine in May	37.20	
George Hutchins and men, levelling after machine	35.44	
Paid for cutting brush	8.00	
		95.44

District No. 14.

In charge of George Hutchins.

Work of the machine in May and June	$59.20	
" " G. Hutchins and men	45.00	
Paid for cutting brush	4.91	
		109.11

District No. 15.

In charge of David P. Lawrence.

Work of the machine	$19.60	
" " D. P. Lawrence and men	17.46	
Paid for picking stone	2.12	
		39.18

District No. 16.

In charge of David P. Lawrence.

Work in March	$ 4.25	
" of the machine	28.40	
" " D. P. Lawrence and men	34.92	
Paid for picking stone in June	3.00	
Work on Littleton road	5.00	
" of D. McCarty near N., A. and B. depot	2.50	
		78.07

District No. 17.

In charge of David P. Lawrence.

Work of the machine	$28.40	
" " D. P. Lawrence and men	34.92	
Paid for picking stone	2.00	
" C. Hamlin for hauling gravel	5.00	
" for levelling gravel, lengthening culvert, etc.	2.50	
" D. Flagg, repairs near his house	2.00	
		74.82
Amount carried forward		$1,625.31

Amount brought forward		$1,625.31

District No. 18.

In charge of Wm. Kittredge.

Work in April and May	$18.87	
" of the machine	59.20	
" " G. Hutchins and men, levelling	42.18	
Paid for picking stone	2.00	
		122.25

Grading in Centre of Town.

For loading four hundred and ninety-two loads of gravel, @ 12½ cents	$61.50	
Paid N. B. Blood, for twenty-five days' time driving team	31.25	
Paid expense of keeping cattle seven weeks	30.50	
		123.25
		$1,870.81

EXPENSE OF IMPROVEMENTS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Relaying and widening bridge near house of Angus McDonald	$10.00
George Hutchins, for raising and widening road through swamp near J. T. Butterworth's, and putting up sixty-nine rods of railing	27.14
George Hutchins, cutting down hill and grading swamp road near N. Sweetser's	12.10
D. McCarty, for digging out and widening road near Bixby's Hill	10.00
D. McCarty, for widening bridge	2.50
N. S. Hamblin, for relaying bridge near C. Hamlin's	4.00
Paid for relaying and widening bridge near Unitarian Church	2.50
D. P. Lawrence, for relaying and enlarging bridge near house of Luther Prescott	31.23
	$99.47

BREAKING ROADS—*1878.*

Jeptha Wright	$20.80
C. F. Keyes	1.30
Andrew Fletcher	1.05
Charles A. Wright	5.60
Amount carried forward	$28.75

Amount brought forward	$28.75
J. Desmond	3.20
S. H. Nutting	8.20
T. H. Hamblett	8.63
Wm. Laws	2.40
Josiah Vose	2.60
John W. Day	3.80
W. Brown	2.00
D. P. Lawrence	8.65
D. P. Lawrence	5.13
George P. Wright	.60
B. G. Brooks	16.93
Edwin Gould	6.00
John Dane	2.68
Francis Caldwell	2.12
Nathan Prescott	2.50
N. Sweetser	2.50
G. T. Day	3.15
1877.	
Henry A. Hildreth	5.00
George Hutchins	12.00
D. McCarty	1.25
1876.	
Henry A. Hildreth	1.20
1879.	
Daniel Casey	2.00
T. H. Hamblett	4.52
D. McCarty	.50
T. Driscoll	.50
B. G. Brooks	1.20
Noah Prescott	2.25
	$140.26

REPAIRS OF ROADS

Damaged by Showers of August 9th, 1878.

B. G. Brooks, as per bill, Districts 4 and 5	$ 55.16
Jeptha Wright, District 7	12.90
Edwin Gould, on north road	30.30
D. P. Lawrence, Districts 8 and 16	65.14
W. W. Johnson, with team, District 5	8.00
Timothy Driscoll and son, District 7 and 9	12.50
Dennis McCarty, son, and G. Hoar, Districts 7, 9 and 11.	15.00
Edward E. Wright	10.00
Amount carried forward	$209.00

Amount brought forward	$209.00
Repairs in Districts 9, 10 and 17	23.50
T. H. Hamblett, District 2	162.57
T. Driscoll and son, District 18	5.00
T. Driscoll and son, District 9	3.75
Luther W. Blodgett, District 7	43.50
Luther W. Blodgett, District 8	2.50
J. H. Whitney, District 2	3.75
Peter Anderson, District 7	1.50
T. C. Reed, District 2	3.75
Henry Chamberlin, District 18	2.50
S. H. Nutting, District 6	3.95
G. T. Day, man and team, Districts 7, 10 and 17	12.25
Wm. Kittredge, work on Depot Hill	38.50
Wm. Kittredge, work on Cummings Hill road	22.56
T. H. Hamblett, Districts 2 and 4	51.94
G. T. Day, two men and team, work near Mrs. Jos. Hildreth's	13.50
G. T. Day, seventy loads gravel	10.50
G. T. Day, with men and team, District 11	5.25
hauling gravel with team	6.50
Work in Districts 8 and 10	2.00
H. M. Hutchins, work in District 11	1.25
O. & E. Coolidge, repairing bridge	2.00
Noah Prescott, man and team, District 3	27.37
Repairs in District 9	4.00
G. T. Day, two and one-half days' time, examining the roads	5.00
Noah Prescott, two and one-half days' time, examining the roads	5.00
	$672.89

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

A. H. Caryl	$60.00
P. P. Trowbridge	2.00
Caleb Davis, 1877	2.00
Israel Blaisdell, 1877	6.00
Charles H. Spaulding, 1877	13.40
Israel Garvin	2.00
Francis Hosmer	1.30
John W. Abbot	2.60
Estate of John Osgood	26.00
Israel Blaisdell, 1878	5.85
Abram Brown	.52
Joseph Duren	2.00
Amount carried forward	$123.67

Amount brought forward	$123.67
Joseph A. Sampson	2.00
Mrs. Sybil Wright	13.00
A. B. Choate	2.00
David Shattuck	2.00
Daniel Connell	2.00
Isaac Howard	2.00
Albert Ranlett	2.00
Augustus Thorning	2.00
Adams & Chandler	.78
	$151.45

SUMMARY.

	1878.	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.
Town Officers	$ 345 32	$ 375 97	$ 427 44	$ 944 24	$ 456 87	$ 412 79	$ 351 02	$ 442 80	$ 426 90
Tax Collector and Constables	147 98	152 34	116 28	150 00	161 74	160 00	107 00	93 34	122 99
School Committee	170 00	183 40	254 50						
Public Library	299 49	336 82	243 21	277 58	328 00	262 27	287 54	291 42	149 80
Town House	166 47								
Printing	110 68	179 85	110 45	204 00	135 00				
School Houses	118 35	189 36	204 42						
Incidental Expenses	870 71	897 11	531 03	1315 61	966 07	2424 67	1441 97	1949 59	1404 49
State Aid	533 50	414 00	472 00	492 00	620 00	696 00	612 00	714 00	656 00
Aid to Soldiers and Sailors, Act of 1878	374 40								
Roads and Bridges	1871 81	1308 13	2244 85	1957 54	2426 93	2320 12	2192 14	1768 13	2643 53
Improvement on Roads and Bridges	99 47								
Breaking Roads in 1877	19 45								
" " " 1878	109 84								
" " " 1879	10 97								
Damage by showers, Aug. 9th	672 89								
Overseers of Poor	1561 39	2331 00	3418 00	1907 50	2142 00	2000 00	2777 00	1535 00	1858 93
Abatement of Taxes	151 45	224 28	98 47	883 42	444 03	197 60	112 18	81 22	68 31
Insurance Premiums	118 50								
	$7752 67								

GEORGE T. DAY,
BENJ. G. BROOKS,
NOAH PRESCOTT,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 10th, 1879:—

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, ETC., BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

February 8th, 1878	$2,855.21
February 7th, 1879	2,377.77
Loss on personal property	$477.44

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Farm, as by Mr. Bradley's Books.

Received for milk	$116.44
for potatoes	8.05
for turkeys	8.50
for vegetables	10.52
for pork	16.10
for ashes	4.27
for calves	52.00
for apples	22.12
for four cows	83.00
for corn	1.24
for use of horse	12.25
for soap grease	7.22
for pig	2.00
for beans	.60
for butter	33.18
for onions	8.85
for poultry	1.00
for cider	3 25
for cranberries	.50
for use of plough	1 00
for keeping pedlars	2 75
for labor	1 00
for board of indigent soldiers	82 40
for produce furnished poor outside of almshouse	27 95
for keeeping oxen and boarding men	60 00
for board of Wm. F. Harris's family	14 70
	$600.89

PAYMENTS.

Paid for blacksmith's work	$ 8.86
for fish	3.91
for dry goods	.80
for labor	307.42
for meat	35.45
for car fare	1.40
for filing saws	1.00
for groceries	17.53
for crackers	4.75
for soap	13.33
for mop wringers	.75
for medicine	4.00
for tin ware and pails	4.64
for plaster	2.55
for cultivator irons	2.00
for wheat screenings	2.22
as by J. H. Bradley's book	6.42
for eight bags of meal	7.00
for one bag	.20
for shorts and rye feed	20.65
for grindstone rollers	1.00
for steel trap	.50
for yarn	.16
for clothing	11.50
for window screens	1.00
for cabbage plants	.30
for flour	12.00
for oat meal	.40
for oats	1.04
for apple parer	.67
for turkeys	4.12
for halter	.50
H. Cummings for pasturing bull	3.00
for straw	.25
for four cider barrels	4.60
for spoons	.18
for long reins	3.50
for coffee pot	.65
Heywood & Burbeck for grain	123.45
for window curtains	1.00
for buffalo robe	4.00
for repairing stoves	1.50
for mending boots and shoes	2.65
for use of bull	4.00
Day & Read, for making cider	14.30
Arthur Wright, for groceries	112.39
Amount carried forward	$753.54

Amount brought forward	$753.54
Paid Wright & Fletcher, for groceries	275.14
J. M. Fletcher, for groceries	38.14
E. C. Atwood, for medical attendance	11.00
J. B. Heald, for medical attendance	4.50
J. H. Bradley, for services as Master of Alms-House to April 1st, 1878	156.82
for Carrie Brown	3.50
Loss on personal property, as by appraisal	477.44
	$1,720.08
Deduct proceeds sold from the farm	600.89
And the expense of keeping nine hundred and twenty-one tramps, estimated at 25 cents each	230.25
Leaves as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Almshouse	$888.94

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR

Outside of the Almshouse.

Paid N. S. Hamblin, for going to Boston on account of Catherine Callahan and child	$ 4.00
for goods furnished M. Desmond	2.00
W. E. Livingston, for T. Nolan	4.00
E. C. Atwood, for medical attendance on Mrs. W. F. Harris	16.50
Wright & Fletcher, for goods for M. Desmond	45.00
for the relief of Jane A. L. Patch	8.00
for board of Alden H. Woodward and Rufus Keyes at insane asylum	447.81
City of Boston, on account of Carrie Brown	4.00
Arthur Wright, for goods furnished C. J. Searles	4.00
City of Lowell, for T. Nolan	6.00
for necessaries furnished C. Wetherbee's family	6.60
for the relief of J. T. Butterworth	2.05
for the relief of George W. Wright's family	20.00
City of Fitchburg, for the relief of L. E. Kemp	4.00
A. F. Conant, for goods furnished Mary Howe	12.80
E. C. Atwood, for medical attendance on S. Nutting in 1877	13.00
Charles Dutton, for medical attendance on Mrs. Charles Wetherbee	45.00
City of Boston, on account of Catherine Callahan and family	8.13
J. B. Heald, for medical attendance on John P. Felch	27.50
Amount carried forward	$680.39

Amount brought forward		$680.39
Paid Arthur Wright, for groceries for Wm. O. Wright		53.10
Arthur Wright, for goods for Charles Spaulding		21.54
for produce from almshouse furnished Charles Spaulding		27.95
for coffin for Mrs. C. Wetherbee		10.00
for postage and stationery		2.18
for printing notices		.75
for car fare for W. F. Harris and family		5.50
George Hutchins, for time spent about the settlement of Luther E. Kemp		1.00
for time spent about Mary A. Potter		1.00
for services as overseer		10.00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in removing Carrie Brown from Boston to Almshouse		6.50
for time and expense about the settlement of Jane A. L. Patch		2.00
for time and expense in going to Littleton, about Wm. Nichols		1.50
for time and expense in going to Lowell, about T. Nolan		1.50
for time and expense, about the settlement of C. Wetherbee, and going to see the family		5.50
for time spent about burying Mrs. C. Wetherbee		2.00
for making out reports to Board of State Charities		2.50
for making out report to Town		5.00
for time spent about the settlement of Mary A. Potter		2.00
for time spent in going to Fitchburg, about Luther E. Kemp		4.00
for time spent in going twice to Chelmsford, about George W. Wright		2.00
expense to Boston twice, about State paupers		5.50
for services, as overseer		10.00
J. N. Marshall, for services in the cases of Phelps and Read, rendered in 1877		146.00
		$1,009.41
Received from the Town of Cohasset	$ 36.70	
" " " State	102.25	
" " " Town of Townsend	4.00	
" " " " " Ayer	30.00	
Due from the State	45.00	
" " Bridgewater	12.80	
J. N. Marshall's bill, contracted in 1877	146.00	
		376.75
Expense of poor outside of Almshouse		$632.66

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1880.

LOWELL, MASS.:
MORNING MAIL BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE, 18 JACKSON ST.
1880.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD,

1879.

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN,

GEORGE T. DAY, ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

ASSESSORS,

ASAPH B. CUTTER, HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
CHARLES H. FLETCHER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ALVAN FISHER,
DAVID REED.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. HENRY READ, JOHN WILSON,
EDWIN R. HODGMAN, MOSES EDWARDS,
OLIVE A. PRESCOTT, HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JOHN LANKTREE.

CONSTABLES,

WILLIAM C. EDWARDS, JOHN LANKTREE,
WESLEY O. HAWKS, JOHN LOGUE,
JOSEPH WALL, SAMUEL A. HAMBLIN.

FENCE-VIEWERS,

GEORGE HUTCHINS, WILLIAM KITTREDGE,
ELI TOWER.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM.

ARTEMAS W. CUMMINGS, THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
C. A. DECATUR.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

LIBRARIAN,

ALBERT A. WRIGHT.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

WILLIAM E. FROST, ALLAN CAMERON,
ELIZA A. BABBITT.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, &C.,

JOHN B. FLETCHER, JACOB SMITH,
ARTHUR WRIGHT, GEO. W. HEYWOOD,
ABIEL J. ABBOT, SAML. A. HAMBLIN,
NAHUM H. WRIGHT, CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,
JOHN M. FLETCHER, W. H. H. BURBECK,
WM. C. EDWARDS, SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
DANIEL HOUGHTON.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

Ephraim A. Stevens,
Thomas Drew,
Geo. H. Prescott,
Albert W. Frederick,
Gardner A. Perham,
Albert S. Read,
Wesley O. Hawks,
Charles E. Whidden,
Frank O. Decatur,
Jacob Smith,
Charles L. Fletcher,
Gilmer Stone,
William C. Edwards.

FIELD DRIVERS,

Timothy Fletcher,
Daniel E. Atwood,
Frank C. Hildreth,
Napoleon B. Blood,
J. A. Carkin,
Edward C. Atwood, M. D.,
James A. Walkden,
Charles Dane,
Geo. W. Cummings,
Geo. W. Heywood,
Geo. W. Pelsue.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

ALLEN R. PERHAM.

MARRIAGES.

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1879.

DATES.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
March 8	Clarence R. P. Decatur	27	Westford.	Lowell.
	Addie Roberts	26	Lowell.	Shediac, N. B.
March 31	Charles H. Wright	20	Westford.	Chelmsford.
	Janet White	19	Westford.	Scotland.
April 23	Francis W. Banister	23	Westford.	Ware.
	Margaret H. Denton	19	Westford.	New Brunswick, [N. J.
June 7	Frank A. Smith	21	Westford.	Bangor, Me.
	Ella B. Brown	21	Westford.	Calais, Me.
June 9	George W. Thurlow	45	Haverhill.	Sandown, N. H.
	Ella S. Neal	25	Westford.	Lowell.
July 3	Samuel L. Blodgett	20	Westford.	New Ipswich, N.H.
	Margaret Welsh	23	Westford.	Chelmsford.
October 1	Jonathan Bancroft	73	Pepperell.	Pepperell.
	Sarah E. Sherburne	37	Westford.	Tyngsboro'.
December 30	J. Everett Woods	32	Westford.	Pepperell.
	Ella A. Reed	21	Tyngsboro'	Tyngsboro'.

Marriages recorded..... 8.
Marriages between natives..... 6.
Marriages between native and foreign..... 2.

BIRTHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1879.

DATES.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 7	Irving Porter Wright	Willie M. and Addie S. (Hosmer) Wright.
" 31	Charles Henry Perry	Oliver H. and Hattie (Gilmore) Perry.
Feb. 3	George Edward Howard	Calvin L. and Jennie (Hale) Howard.
" 4	George Augustus Coburn	Ward A. and Jennie E. (Smart) Coburn.
" 10	Ellen Remmes	Joseph T. and Mary J. (Shugrue) Remmes.
March 3	Alice Maria McDonald	Angus and Margaret E. (McNeff) McDonald.
" 5	Charles Henry Yapp	George and Sarah (Davis) Yapp.
" 9	Charles Melvin Horton	Melvin D. and Sadie E. (Cummings) Horton.
" 28	Charles Franklin Dupee	Geo. F. and Annie E. (Richardson) Dupee.
" 29	Sarah Allen Davie	John and Jennie (McArthur) Davie.
April 14	Elizabeth Cushing Heywood	Geo. W. and Mary E. (Mellen) Heywood.
" 21	John Henry Decatur	John H. and Nancy A. (Wyman) Decatur.
" 28	George Henry Kecy	Joseph H. and Emeline S. (Sargent) Kecy.
May 16	Charles Edward McLenna	Alvin A. and Lillian P. (Spalding) McLenna.
" 27	Minnie Mabel Wright	Charles A. and Celia J. (Smith) Wright.
June 4	James Lackin	John and Mary (Gannon) Lackin.
" 15	Eliza Ann MacGuire	James and Alice (Johnson) MacGuire.
July 3	Helen Frances Johnson	William W. and Annie (Matthews) Johnson.
" 10	George Edward Dufort	Solomon and Philamen (Maurisceau) Dufort.
" 29	Herbert Allen Searles	Charles J. and Martha M. (Bicknell) Searles.
" 30	Albert Abijah Hildreth	Frank C. and Sarah J. (Griffin) Hildreth.
Aug. 8	Edith Isabell Cook	Francis R. and Elizabeth M. (Craig) Cook.
" 10	Julia Heywood Fletcher	Sherman H. and Mary E. (Richardson)
" 16	Mary Ellen Flynn	John and Ellen (Murphy) Flynn. [Fletcher.
" 23	Esther Perry Taylor	Samuel L. and Alta M. (Schellenger) Taylor.
" 27	Charles William Parker	Winslow and Ida M. (Lackey) Parker.
" 30	John William Quinn	Thomas V. and Mary A. (Murphy) Quinn.
Sept. 5	Joseph Newie Paul	Joseph and Eliza (Semandin) Paul.
" 7	Cora Belle Fletcher Wilson	Joseph H. and Carrie (Fletcher) Wilson.
" 18	George Warren Butterworth	John T. and Kate E. (Gannon) Butterworth.
" 18	Lucy Constantino	Nelson and Mary (Raymond) Constantino.
" 21	Victor Levi Prescott	Nelson L. and Ella M. (Davis) Prescott.
" 25	Leo Hamilton King	Albert and Margaret (Conley) King.
" 28	Lewis Benjamin Palmer	Lewis P. and Jennie B. (Floyd) Palmer.
Oct. 11	—— Fillebrown	Thomas G. and Augusta E. (Wyeth) Fille-
" 13	Ida Florence Hartford	Geo. H. and Lizzie (Morse) Hartford. [brown.
" 22	Susie Edwards Millis	George F. and Mary B. (Whitney) Millis.
Nov. 5	Katie Loftus	John and Ellen (Curran) Loftus.
" 23	George Norrie	John and Jane (Gilmore) Norrie. [Stephen.
" 30	Hattie Stephen	Rheinhold and Catherine A. (Moriarty)
Dec. 17	Bertha Willis Raymond	John W. and Ella (Willis) Raymond.
" 24	Clara Belle Wright	Charles H. and Janet (White) Wright.

Births recorded,	42.
Males,	22.
Females,	20.
Native parentage,	27.
Foreign parentage,	8.
Native and foreign,	7.

DEATHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1879.

DATES.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
January 1.	Lilla L. Fifield.	15	4	9
" 5.	Betsey J. Blood.	79	9	—
" 16.	Nancy C. Hildreth.	69	11	—
" 23.	Mary Dailey.	—	—	29
" 26.	Benjamin F. Osgood.	66	5	9
February 5.	Hannah F. Wetherbee.	46	—	—
" 12.	Charity A. Cummings.	60	11	22
" 13.	Hollis W. Hines.	76	8	10
" 22.	Peter Lyall.	54	2	8
March 1.	Dennis Murphy.	59	—	—
" 21.	Joseph W. Keyes.	58	10	19
" 22.	Joshua B. Whidden.	72	4	—
" 25.	John T. Follan.	3	6	—
April 25.	Margaret Blake.	82	4	—
" 27.	Nathaniel Livermore.	67	4	—
" 27.	Frank L. Foss.	—	—	—
" 28.	William Robinson.	71	—	—
May 1.	Mary L. Tuttle.	75	3	18
" 20	Lydia Buttrick.	71	—	—
" 22.	Sarah S. Frederick.	84	10	18
June 16.	Daniel Jones.	66	2	24
" 17.	John Camfield.	—	8	—
July 3.	Charles A. Wheeler.	62	1	19
August 1.	Mary J. McDonald.	2	11	—
" 4.	Asenath F. Wright.	78	7	10
" 18.	Infant child of John Martin.	—	—	—
September 2.	Abijah C. Reed.	83	6	16
" 4.	Orin R. Hole.	34	3	—
October 5.	Mary Ball.	76	9	2
" 22.	Phinehas Chamberlin.	75	10	19
" 26.	Levi Prescott.	56	7	2
" 29.	Infant child of Erastus Fisk.	—	—	—
November 11.	Nancy W. Jones.	85	8	9
December 4.	Ward Coburn.	66	11	—
" 20.	Patrick Daley.	69	—	—
" 29.	William L. Perkins.	7	2	—

	Male.	Fem.
Between 80 and 90 years of age,	1	3
" 70 " 80 " " "	3	5
" 60 " 70 " " "	6	2
" 50 " 60 " " "	3	0
" 40 " 50 " " "	0	1
" 30 " 40 " " "	1	0

	Male.	Fem.
Between 20 and 30 years of age,	0	0
" 10 " 20 " " "	0	1
" 5 " 10 " " "	1	0
" 1 " 5 " " "	1	1
Under 1 year, . . .	0	3

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., Oct. 29, 1879.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County One Hundred Sixty $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars for Dog Licenses for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, as per account of 20th inst.—$160.20.

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED 1879.

Banister, F. W.
Blodgett, J. W.
Bean, T. A.
Butterfield, L. O.
Blood, J. H.
Boynton, J. M.
Blodgett, T. A.
Brooks, B. G,
Brown, J.
Carkin, C. H.
Carkin, A. W.
Cummings, E. M.
Carkin, I. W.
Caldwell, Otis
Curran, W.
Carmichael, D.
Comey, W. W.
Conley, Kate
Chamberlin, H.
Clark, P. F. S.
Dupee, G. F.
Decatur, J. H.
Downs, M. F.—2.
Decatur, F. O.
Davie, J.
Day, I. E.
Drew, T.
Evans, M. H. A.
Elliot, G. H.
Frederick, G. S.
Fuller, C. M.
Fletcher, L. L.
Fletcher, L. T.
Fisk, A.
Fletcher, A.
Gould, E.
Gregg, D.
Gardner, R.
Gray, S. B.
Hurd, P. H.
Holdsworth, D.
Hamlin, H.
Horan, T.
Hamlin, S. A.
Ireland, G.
Ingalls, G.
Keyes, G.
Leighton, A.
Martin, L.
Mears, J. F.
Murray, A.
Martin, J.
Norrie, J.
O'Brien, M.
O'Brien, C.
O'Brien, J.
Perham, G. A.
Prescott, N. L.
Prescott, Eben
Reed, C. W.—2.
Reed, William, 1st.
Reed, M.
Stiles, W. W.
Stephens, R.
Sweetser, N.
Sargent, C. G.
Shugrue, P.
Shay, W. H.
Smith, M. A.
Tizzer, J.
Vose, W. M.
Whitney, Hiram—2.
Whitney S. D.
Wall, J.
Whitney, G. W.
Whitney, W. M.
Wright, Arthur
Wright, W. E.
Wright, K. A.
Wright, E.—2.
Worcester, I. S.

Whole number,	84.
Males,	81.
Females,	3.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 10, 1880.

The Committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending this date, submit the following report :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash in treasury at last settlement	$3,188.21
Cash borrowed	5,000.00
Corporation tax for 1878, in full	25.32
" " " 1879 " part	646.33
National bank tax for 1879, in part	619.78
From State—aid to soldiers' families, 1878, refunded	501.00
" " —school fund, 1878–79	230.60
" County Treasurer—dog tax, 1878	153.47
" State—rent of armory for 1879, in full	150.00
" Joseph Marshall, license	50.00
" I. W. Sprague "	50.00
Cavalry squad, No. 4, rent of horse stalls	10.00
Noah Prescott, for apples, school-house lot, No. 1	1.00
To amount paid E. Symmes, for surveying private roadway, 1878, reimbursed by petitioners	7.00
Albert A. Wright, janitor, collected for rent of town hall and cellar	104.50
County Treasurer—interest on tax paid in advance of time due	6.27
Town of Groton—for scholars sent to School No. 3	92.25
Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license	2.00
Reuben Butterfield, auctioneer's license	2.00
Ai Bicknell, for grass at East Cemetery	2.00
New Hampshire Insurance Company, for insurance on School House No. 5	1,500.00
John Lanktree, collector, 1876, in full	81.38
" " " 1877 " "	415.30
" " " 1878 in part	1,975.06
" " " 1879, before October 6, 1879	7,891.31
" " " 1879, " December 6	1,150.09
" " " " after " "	963.47
" " " interest collected on taxes	70.80
	$24,889.14

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest	$7,919.17	
Interest on other notes	1,065.00	
State tax, for 1879	310.00	
County tax, for 1879	447.86	
State Treasurer, 25 per cent. on two licenses of $50.00 each	25.00	
Overseers of the Poor, by orders	1,913.32	
Orders for incidental and other expenses	4,700.80	
On account of schools	3,299.97	
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer	5,208.02	
		$24,889.14

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Note due Mrs. E. J. Tobie		$ 125.00
" " " A. M. Richardson		1,000.00
" " " Sally B. Cummings		250.00
" " " S. W. Parker—estate of		2,200.00
Notes " Worcester County Institution for Savings		16,000.00
		$19,575.00
Accrued interest on the above notes	$ 295.39	
Balance of appropriation for schools, unexpended	1,279.16	
	$1,574.55	
		$21,149.55

RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1879	$ 361.00	
" " " to indigent soldiers, 1878	374.40	
" " " " " " 1879	125.00	
" " " Corporation tax 1879	15.79	
" " " National bank tax 1879	37.35	
John Lanktree, collector, 1878	395.30	
" " " 1879	2,102.35	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	5,208.02	
		$8,619.21

Indebtedness of the town, Feb. 10, 1880	$12,530.34
" " " " Feb. 12, 1879	16,936.68
Decrease of debt	$4,406.34

ISAAC E. DAY,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,
GEORGE W. HEYWOOD,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Town Treasurer.*

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

Value of Real Estate May 1st, 1879	$836,801.00
" " Personal Estate May 1st, 1879	132,830.00
Tax on one hundred dollars	1.18
Number of Polls	488
" " dwelling houses	400
" " horses	315
" " cows	578
" " sheep	31

	1879.	1878.	1877.
Amount raised to defray town debts and charges	$6,600.00	$7,500.00	$7,500.00
For schools	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
For roads and bridges	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,200.00
State tax	310.00	620.00	930.00
County tax	447.86	447.86	545.29
Overlayings		589.70	
Total tax	$12,548.12	13,857.56	13,696.55

HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
ASAPH B. CUTTER,
CHARLES H. FLETCHER,
Assessors of Town of Westford.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending March 1, 1879	$50.00	
Time and expense in paying license to State Treasurer and collecting armory rent	3.50	
Time and expense in insuring School House, No. 7	1.50	
Time and expense in paying license to State Treasurer	2.00	
Time and expense in paying State tax and obtaining information respecting corporation tax, &c.	3.00	
Time and expense in insuring School House, No. 5	1.50	
Time and expense in insuring Almshouse	1.50	
Entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with treasurer	3.50	
		$66.50

TOWN CLERK.

Salary of E. R. Hodgman, town clerk	$12.00	
Postage and express	3.36	
Going to Groton to count votes	3.00	
Copying for town report	1.50	
Recording forty-three births	21.50	
" thirty-five deaths	5.50	
" one death not reported	.35	
" eight marriages	1.20	
Blanks and blank books for use of town	2.00	
Going to East Cambridge	3.00	
		$53.41

SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary	$ 5.00	
Making out monthly State aid returns, under chap. 252 and 301, Acts 1879.	8.00	
Making out monthly State aid book	3.00	
" " dog warrants	1.00	
" " register of voters	2.00	
" " town report	5.00	
" " Fire Insurance report	1.00	
" " quarterly returns to State Board of Health	1.50	
Extra time as selectman	8.00	
Time spent looking after roads	20.00	
		$54.50
A. P. Richardson, salary	$5.00	
Extra time as selectman	8.00	
Time spent looking after roads	20.00	
		$33.00
Arthur Wright, salary	$5.00	
Extra time as selectman	8.00	
Time spent looking after roads	8.00	
		$21.00

ASSESSORS.

Asaph B. Cutter, eighteen and one-half days' work	$46.25	
Charles H. Fletcher, seventeen days' work	42.50	
Henry Chamberlin, twenty-two days' work	55.00	
Assessor's scale	2.00	
		$145.75

TAX COLLECTOR.

John Lanktree, collecting $330, after Feb. 5th	$3.30	
Paid for one thousand tax bills	3.25	
Legal advice	2.50	
Collecting dog tax 1879	10.50	
" $10,500.00, at 1 per cent	105.00	
" poll taxes	5.00	
		$129.55

CONSTABLES.

John Lanktree, copying and posting warrants for March meeting	$4.00	
Copying and posting warrants for March 22nd	4.00	
Wesley O. Hawks, posting warrants and copying same, November	4.00	
		$12.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Superintendent for third term of school year ending March 1879	$50.00	
Making annual report	10.00	
Examining teachers	1.00	
Making annual school returns	1.50	
Services as Secretary of the Board	1.00	
Paid express	.25	
Superintendent for term ending June 20th	50.00	
Superintendent for term ending Nov. 1st.	50.00	
Examining teachers	1.00	
		$164.75

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM.

A. W. Cummings, appraising property, 1877	$2.00	
" " " " 1878	2.00	
" " " " 1879	2.00	
		$6.00

PAID OVERSEERS OF POOR AS FOLLOWS:

April, by order	$469.64	
May, " "	200.50	
June, " "	53.14	
July, " "	136.93	
Oct., " "	228.97	
Dec., " "	325.00	
Feb., " " 1880	131.14	
" " " "	368.00	
		$1,913.32

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A. A. Wright, services as librarian	$50.04	
For entering new books, April	.90	
" " " " June	3.50	
Writing two catalogues	.40	
Extra work on books, July	8.36	
Ink and mucilage	1.25	
Paid directors in June	50.00	
" " " July	50.00	
F. J. Fleming, for paper	8.25	
Paid directors in Nov	50.00	
Extra work on books	4.60	
" " " "	.20	
Marden & Rowell, printing one hundred cards, 1878	2.50	
Huse, Goodwin & Co., printing regulations and labels	3.75	
Paid A. A. Wright, for entering new books	.30	
" Directors, January	106.00	
		$340.05

TOWN HOUSE.

Expense of heating, lighting and care of same.

A. A. Wright, janitor	$75.96	
Services for three entertainments after midnight, during February	4.50	
Whithed & Co., for 7528 pounds of broken coal, at $6.75 per ton	25.41	
For carting the same	2.82	
Five gallons oil, in March	.65	
A. A. Wright, services for two dances after midnight, March	3.00	
For three dances after midnight, April	4.50	
For five gallons oil in April	.65	
Six gallons oil in May	.78	
Extra work	.50	
Services for one dance after midnight	1.50	
For five cords of wood used in 1878–79	24.00	
Services for two dances after midnight	3.00	
Paid for oil	.85	
Edward Prescott, for 4322 pounds of coal	12.33	
Paid for oil and wicks	1.57	
" " three dozen lamp chimneys	3.30	
A. A. Wright, services for one dance after midnight	1.50	
For twelve gallons oil	1.20	
" two lamp chimneys	.10	
" one-fourth gross matches	.55	
Services for one dance after midnight	1.50	
For nine gallons of oil	.95	
		$171.12

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Received from State for armory rent	$150.00
" in April	28.75
" " June	4.00
" " July	5.75
" " October	14.50
" " November	14.00
" " December	7.00
" " January, 1880	18.50
" for rent of horse stalls	12.00
" in Feb. 1880	10.00
	$264.50

PRINTING.

Stone, Bacheller & Co., printing seven hundred town reports	$62.50	
Printing four order books	4.75	
" fifteen hundred circulars	5.75	
" proposals for painting, &c.	3.25	
" two hundred reward notices	2.00	
" notices to voters, &c.	7.25	
" school expense book	5.25	
" one hundred tramp notices	1.75	
" record book	5.25	
Marden & Rowell, printing school reports	22.00	
		$119.75

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Express for one casting and delivering same	$ 1.00
A. P. Richardson, repairs on hearse	.50
Marshall & Hamblett, legal services	15.00
N. J. Wier, stove for Town House	15.25
A. P. Richardson, attending 29 funerals with hearse	39.15
Charles Blood, for stovepipe and labor	6.22
Charles Blood, for one furnace grate	6.00
Thomas Drew, damage to wagon	5.00
A. A. Wright, for three reflectors for Town House	.12
A. A. Wright, for repairing fence, etc.	.50
T. A. Bean, sealing weights and measures	10.50
First Parish, use of bell	7.50
A. A. Wright, repairing clock in Town House	1.00
Alvan Fisher, first instalment toward Town History	100.00
Nelson L. Tuttle, wheelwright work	14.40
E. A. Stevens, measuring four school houses	2.00
E. A. Stevens, repairing hearse house	1.00
Jonathan Colburn, work at west burying ground	6.50
George Hartford, parade ground for cavalry inspection	9.00
W. W. Johnson, for drawing lumber for bridge	1.50
E. A. & A. T. Smith, concrete crossing at Town House	36.00
For stone tools	3.00
Express from Keene, N. H	1.35
F. O. Decatur, blacksmithing	30.82
Stony Brook R. R. freight	1.62
Humphrey Machine Co., cast iron circle	3.00
" " " three steel blades complete	21.00
" " " one nose piece	1.25
A. A. Wright, for lamp shade	.18
Mrs. H. J. Howe, cleaning Town House	6.75
Union Society, for use of bell	7.50
Amount carried forward	$354.61

Amount brought forward	$354.61
Lumber for Desmond bridge	16.87
Glass for cellar windows for Town House	.25
Setting glass in Town House	1.00
Fielding & Bartlett, for two spring locks and screws	.60
" " one pair acorn butts	.17
J. Kelley, one small door and express on same	1.65
J. M. Fletcher, one pair butts and screws	.15
Fielding & Bartlett, 2 springs for doors at Town House	1.00
For wax, varnish and pulley cords for school houses	1.00
For repairs on furnace at Town House	.50
For two water pails at Town House	.25
S. M. Hutchins, work on east burying ground	2.10
E. A. Stevens, labor in building cavalry store room in Town House cellar	5.57
E. A. Stevens, cutting door for ticket office, etc	3.65
" " shelves for Town Clerk	2.00
E. A. Stevens, building 20 horse stalls in Town House cellar, including lumber, etc	25.00
For chloride of lime for Town House	.50
For repairing chandelier	.25
For dust-pan and nails for Town House	.42
Chamberlin & Read, for blacksmithing	3.05
F. P. Coggeshall, ink, etc., for Town House	2.40
John W. Day, teaming lumber	1.50
A. P. Richardson, for gravel bank	15.00
Express	.80
Repairs on hearse	.50
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	15.63
For six license blanks	.75
" " " bonds	.60
Express charges	2.30
	$460.07

EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES,

Exclusive of Pay of Teachers.

School House No. 1.

1879.

April—1 map roll	$ .23
May—1 mounted map	1.37
1 box crayons	.25
3 erasers	.45
1 reader	1.10
1 bottle ink	.35
2 erasers	.30
1 broom	.20
Amount carried forward	$4.25

Amount brought forward . .	$4.25	
1880.		
Feb.—Paid E. A. Stevens, painting tin roof	2.25	
" " " 20 lbs. paint for same	2.50	
" " " repairing seats	.76	
" " " glass and setting . . .	2.80	
1 box crayons	.25	
1 bottle ink and broom	.70	
Repairs	.60	
		$14.11

School House No. 2.

1879.		
April—1 map roll	$ .23	
May—1 mounted map	1.37	
4 erasers	.60	
1 bottle ink	.35	
1 box crayons	.25	
E. A. Stevens, repairs, locks, etc. . . .	1.20	
" " labor, glass, etc.	2.05	
New readers	.80	
Dec.—1 box crayons and broom	.60	
1880.		
Jan.—1 box crayons, pail, etc.	.95	
		$8.40

School House No. 3.

1879.		
April—1 map roll	$ .23	
May—1 mounted map	1.37	
Setting glass	.50	
Repairing chair, etc.	.75	
1 broom	.40	
2 boxes crayons	.50	
1 dust-pan	.20	
Setting glass and repairing blinds . .	1.00	
Sept.—1 box crayons	.25	
1880.		
Jan.—1 box crayons and new books	1.60	
		$6.80

School House No. 4.

1879.		
April—Glass	$ .50	
1 map roll	.23	
May—1 mounted map	1.37	
1 spelling book	.25	
E. Symmes, repairing clock	1.00	
Setting glass and repairing blinds . . .	.71	
1 broom and pail	.55	
Oct.—1 box crayons	.25	
2 readers	1.40	
1 broom	.35	
		$6.61

School House No. 5.

1879.			
April—	Glass	$ .50	
	Wardrobe hooks and broom	.50	
	1 map roll	.23	
	Blind trimmings and cord	.75	
May—	1 mounted map	1.37	
April—	1 box crayons	.25	
May—	1 box crayons	.25	
	1 box crayons	.25	
	1 reader	.70	
Oct.—	1 box crayons	.25	
Nov.—	1 box crayons and broom	.60	
	Glass, &c	.24	
	Erasers and new books	1.30	
Dec.—	Glass, pail, &c	.60	
1880.			
Jan.—	1 box crayons, books, &c	.90	
	Tables for use of school	4.00	
	E. A. Stevens, fitting up room for school	4.30	
	Setting glass and repairing blinds	.71	
	John Wilson, setting glass	.20	
	Time and expense fitting up school room after fire, blackboard, &c.	5.00	
	Edward Symmes, repairing clock	.75	
	Paid for pail	.25	
			$23.90

School House No. 6.

	Repairing plastering	$ 2.00
	Whitening and coloring walls	12.50
	Stock for same	4.00
	Setting glass and repairing blinds	.71
	Edward Symmes, repairing clock	.75
	1 box crayons, broom, &c	.60
	Grammar	.37
1879.		
April—	Glass	.50
	1 map roll	.23
	Setting glass	.35
May—	1 mounted map	1.37
	1 reader	.30
	1 geography	.65
	3 writing books	.45
	1 broom and mug	.47
	Dust-pan and shovel	.35
		$25.60

School House No. 7.

1879.		
April—1 map roll	$ .23	
May—1 mounted map	1.37	
		$1.60

School House No. 8.

1877.		
Nov.—2 brooms	$ .70	
2 boxes crayons	.50	
1879.		
April—1 map roll	.23	
Setting glass	.50	
May—1 mounted map	1.37	
June—1 teacher's desk	13.00	
2 chairs	2.00	
Freight	.48	
3 erasers	.45	
1 broom	.30	
E. A. Stevens, repairing chair, &c.	1.30	
Books, broom, &c	.86	
2 boxes crayons	.50	
		$22.19

School House No. 9.

1878.		
April—2 boxes crayons	$ .40	
May—1 box crayons	.20	
1 broom	.35	
1879.		
April—1 map roll	.23	
May—1 mounted map	1.37	
J. O. Wright, repairing	2.00	
1 box crayons	.20	
Sept.—1 box crayons	.20	
1 broom	.30	
Reader, geography, speller, &c	2.85	
Dec.—Readers, spellers, &c	.95	
1880.		
Jan.—Books	1.25	
1 box crayons	.25	
		$10.55

Dist. 10 and 11—Graniteville.

1877.		
April—2 boxes crayons	$ .50	
2 pails	.50	
June—2 boxes crayons	.50	
1 reader	.30	
Amount carried forward	$1.80	

Amount brought forward.....	$1.80	
Sept.—3 boxes crayons.....	.75	
1 broom.....	.35	
2 spelling books.....	.40	
1 geography.....	1.08	
1 pail.....	.35	
Wardrobe hooks and screws.....	.36	
1878.		
May—1 geography.....	.75	
2 brooms.....	.70	
Sept.—2 readers.....	.90	
1 box crayons.....	.20	
Oct.—1 box crayons.....	.20	
Dec.—1 broom—large.....	.50	
1 box crayons.....	.20	
1879.		
Jan.—1 dust brush.....	.35	
1 box crayons.....	.20	
Feb.—Glass and putty.....	.28	
April—3 map rolls.....	.68	
Repairs on windows and doors.....	1.65	
Stove lining and grate.....	2.75	
Wash basin.....	.25	
Repairs on windows.....	.80	
May—2 mounted maps.....	2.69	
Repairing stove.....	1.65	
E. A. Stevens, glass and labor.....	2.25	
2 boxes crayons.....	.40	
1 reader.....	1.10	
Nov.—1 box crayons.....	.20	
Repairing locks, &c.....	2.00	
Dec.—Reader and arithmetic.....	.85	
1 box crayons.....	.20	
Reader and slate.....	.35	
1880.		
Jan.—2 boxes crayons.....	.40	
Glass.....	.6	
		$27.65

EXPENSE OF PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

The Selectmen advertised and received proposals from six different parties, and awarded the contract to Hiram Dane, he being the lowest. The Selectmen also received two proposals for furnishing stock, and awarded the contract to Wright & Fletcher, as theirs was the lowest.

School House No. 3.		
Measured 632$\frac{2}{9}$ yds. @ 3$\frac{1}{2}$ cents per yd...	$22.12	
22 pairs blinds @ 20 cents per pair.....	4.40	
Cost of stock.....	40.03	
		$66.55
School House No. 4.		
Measured 324$\frac{4}{9}$ yds. @ 3$\frac{1}{2}$ cents per yd ..	$11.35	
10 pairs blinds @ 20 cents per pair.....	2.00	
Cost of stock.....	20.57	
		$33.92
School House No. 5.		
Measured 407$\frac{6}{9}$ yds. @ 3$\frac{1}{2}$ cents per yd...	$14.27	
15 pairs blinds @ 20 cents per pair.....	3.00	
Cost of stock.....	25.80	
		$43.07
School House No. 6.		
Measured 310$\frac{3}{9}$ yds. @ 3$\frac{1}{2}$ cents per yd...	$10.86	
11 pairs blinds @ 20 cents per pair.....	2.20	
Cost of stock.....	19.73	
		$32.79
Hearse House.		
Measured 114$\frac{4}{9}$ yds. @ 3$\frac{1}{2}$ cents per yd..	$ 4.01	
Cost of stock.....	8.76	
		$12.77

STATE AID.

Expense incurred in looking up settlements and filing applications for State Aid.

June 2—G. T. Day, two days' time at State House attending hearing before State committee on renewing State aid applications.....	$ 4.00
Car fare for the above.....	4.00
Jun.10—Going to Boston to file McManus' application and secure approval of State commission..	3.00
Jun.24—Going to Boston to file Lawler's application and secure approval of commission.....	3.00
Aug.—Going to Fall River to look up Lawler's settlement, including expenses.....	5.00
Aug.—Going to Acton to look up settlement of Smith, including car fare	2.60
Sept.—Going to Boston to attend hearing before commission on contested case of Lawler vs. Fall River.....	3.50
Oct.—Expenses of looking up Cornells' settlement....	3.60
	$ 28.70

STATE AID TO INVALID SOLDIERS AND SAILORS,

As authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

Paid June	$ 20.00
" July	20.00
" August	31.00
" September and October	62.00
" November	31.00
" December	37.00
	$201.00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' FAMILIES,

As authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

Paid February	$ 32.50
" March	32.50
" April	32.50
" May	28.50
" June	28.50
" July	28.50
" August	28.50
" September	28.50
" October	28.50
" November	28.50
" December	31.50
" January	31.50
	$360.00

REPAIRS OF ROADS.

Edwin Gould, filling wash-out near his house	$12.50
C. R. P. Decatur, work on road Oct. 1878	1.75
Paul F. T. Clark, " " " 1878	1.25
" " " furnishing feed for oxen	2.65
Timothy Fletcher, 9 9-10 days in May	12.43
J. H. Wilson, 9 9-10 days in May, at $1.25	12.36
Julian Hildreth, for self and horses	7.87
Dennis McCarthy, 20½ days in May	25.62
Julian Hildreth, in June	1.25
Timothy Fletcher, work in June	2.25
J. H. Wilson, in June	1.62
B. G. Brooks, work in June	16.87
J. Desmond, repairing bridge	3.00
A. P. Richardson, work in May	9.25
T. H. Hamblett, " " " and June	42.27
James Hildreth, " " " " "	21.94
Amount carried forward	$174.88

Amount brought forward	$174.88
Ai Bicknell, cutting brush	8.00
Henry Chamberlin, picking stone	2.50
Wm. Kittredge and others, work in May, June and July	32.00
George Hutchins and others " " April, May and June	43.40
Albert King, for thirteen days' work	16.25
Dennis McCarty, work eleven and four-sixths days	14.55
W. W. Johnson, teaming gravel	8.12
John Dailey, work	5.00
Luther Blodgett, forty-two and one-fourth days work for four horses and one man	253.50
H. D. Pierce, Master of Poor Farm, for work	156.00
Michael McNamara, work in May and June	54.25
Charles Harris, " " " " "	46.50
N. B. Cleveland, " " June	6.25
Timothy Driscoll, " " May, June and July	53.12
Daniel Jones, " " "	3.12
Wm. Reed, " " "	2.50
Charles Fuller, " " June	3.12
Dennis McCarthy "	10.45
John York, removing stone	9.00
J. Blodgett	1.87
John Coburn, work in June	20.62
J. Haley, " " "	3.75
G. T. Day, work of man and team	19.02
Work on road in April	2.00
B. G. Brooks and others, work in June, July and August	51.70
A. P. Richardson, work in September	8.13
Samuel Farrar, " " "	7.50
Charles Fuller, " " "	2.50
Michael McNamara, work	21.25
N. B. Cleveland, work in August	15.00
Timothy Fletcher, work in July and October	6.14
Edward E. Wright, work	2.50
Thomas C. Reed, mowing brush on plain road	3.75
Luther W. Blodgett, work of horses and men	21.00
Henry D. Pierce, Master of Poor Farm, work with horses	40.00
David Reed, for hauling eighty-five loads stone chips and covering the same with gravel, in Graniteville	33.50
Timothy Fletcher, work in December	3.50
Paid for ten loads of gravel	1.20
Daniel Shea, repairing bridge	2.00
H. D. Pierce, Master of Poor Farm	39.00
John Wayne, work on Nashoba Hill road	10.00
A. P. Richardson	6.50
John W. Day, repairing road near house	2.50
John Coburn	5.00
	$1,232.45

GRADING IN CENTRE OF TOWN.

Seven hundred and forty-two loads gravel were put on the Main Street from the common, running east, at an expense of thirty cents per load, including leveling. Payments were as follows:—

Henry D. Pierce, Master of Town Farm, W. W. Johnson and horses, Luther W. Blodgett's team and driver	$147.03
Michael McNamara, Timothy Fletcher, Albert King, Charles Coburn and others	75.50
	$222.53

GRADING AROUND SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Henry D. Pierce, Master of Poor Farm, work with men and horses	$ 17.50

EXPENSE OF IMPROVEMENTS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Dennis McCarty for removing stone in front of C. G. Sargent's mill	$ 4.00
Angus McDonald, for relaying bridges across highway near house of Wayland F. Balch	16.00
Angus McDonald, for building wooden bridge on road to Desmond place	1.50
David Reed, for covering stone and repairing bridge at Graniteville	6.00
For stone and teaming same for bridge opposite Charles L. Fletcher's	15.00
Dennis McCarthy, for paving open drain opposite C. G. Sargent's estate	13.75
Wm. Reed, for stone and hauling same	4.00
Timothy Fletcher and two men laying new bridge front of C. L. Fletcher's	3.75
For relaying and widening bridges on Hildreth road	5.00
	$69.00

BREAKING ROADS—1878, 1879.

W. W. Johnson	$ 2.00
C. A. and W. M. Wright	3.60
John Murphy	1.50
Gilmer Stone	13.60
Wm. Kittredge	26.45
Rufus Patten	2.50
Edwin Gould	33.25
Amount carried forward	$82.90

Amount brought forward	$82.90
Josiah Walker	1.63
James Hildreth	4.68
John Wayne	1.87
E. F. Nutting	.50
Lewis C. Dane	1.56
A. P. Richardson	2.90
Jeptha Wright	5.50
Levi Reed	1.40
John W. Day	4.50
Arthur Wright	1.94
David P. Lawrence, in three Districts	4.00
John York	2.75
A. B. Cutter	1.95
A. Coburn	.63
John Coburn	.50
F. W. Dodge	1.81
S. L. Prescott and horse	3.75
Wm. Hosmer	1.00
John H. Whitney	1.58
Noah Prescott and men	5.00
W. H. Brown	1.25
H. Magoon	1.87
C. Fillebrown	1.28
N. B. Blood	3.24
C. C. Flagg and oxen	2.56
A. B. Fletcher	3.31
S. G. Humiston	1.75
C. L. Howard	1.06
S. E. Hutchins and horse	5.16
Atwood Brothers	.31
George Hutchins	15.49
George T. Day	3.00
S. G. Humiston	3.12
David Reed	3.00
I. W. Carkin	3.00
B. G. Brooks and men employed	23.24
Levy Reed, 1877–'78	1.40
Samuel Fletcher	2.00
George Hartford	3.12
T. H. Hamblett	9.17
C. O'Brien	3.75
John Dailey	3.75
Thomas Quinn	3.13
Peter Haley	2.50
E. Perot	2.50
Dennis Burke	1.87
A. Wright	.94
	$239.22

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Wm. M. Parker, 1878	$86.71
Adams & Barron, "	2.34
John Lanktree, error in tax book	76.10
Amos Leighton	11.80
Kendall A. Wright	10.00
George E. Fifield	6.25
Atwood Brothers	5.84
Adam Taylor	2.00
Estate of John Osgood	9.44
Ira Bicknell	2.00
Estate of S. A. Brown	3.97
	$216.45

SUMMARY.

	1879.	*1878.*	*1877.*	*1876.*	*1875.*	*1874.*	*1873.*	*1872.*	*1871.*	*1870.*
Town Officers	$380 16	$345 32	$375 97	$427 44	$944 24	$456 87	$412 79	$351 02	$442 80	$426 90
Tax Collectors and Constables	141 55	147 98	152 34	116 28	150 00	161 74	160 00	107 00	93 34	122 99
School Committee	164 75	170 00	183 40	254 50	197 00	190 00	105 00	100 00	110 00	
Public Library	340 05	299 49	336 82	243 21	277 58	328 00	262 27	287 54	291 42	149 80
Town House	171 12	166 47								
Printing	119 75	110 68	179 85	110 45	204 00	135 00	83 00	150 00	80 00	
School Houses	164 91	118 35	189 36	204 42	584 00	90 00	6377 70	3233 02	6020 00	
Incidental Expenses	460 07	870 71	897 11	531 03	1315 61	966 07	2424 67	1441 97	1949 59	1404 49
State Aid	360 00	533 50	414 00	472 00	492 00	620 00	696 00	612 00	714 00	656 00
Aid to Soldiers and Sailors and expenses	229 70	374 40								
Roads and Bridges	1454 98	1871 81	1308 13	2244 85	1957 54	2426 93	2320 12	2192 14	1768 13	2643 53
Improvements on Roads and Bridges	69 00	99 47								
Breaking Roads	239 22	140 26								
Overseers of Poor	1913 32	1561 39	2331 00	3418 00	1907 50	2142 00	2000 00	2777 00	1535 00	1858 93
Abatement of Taxes	216 45	151 45	224 28	98 47	883 42	444 03	197 60	112 18	81 22	68 31
Painting School Houses	189 10									
	$6614 13									

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 6, 1880: —

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, ETC., BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

February 7, 1879	$2,377.77
February 6, 1880	2,161.12
Loss on personal property	$216.65

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's Books.

Received for milk	$170.84
for labor off the farm	321.00
for cheese	20.09
for vinegar	.50
for potatoes	8.78
for calves	57.50
for poultry	1.75
for hay	1.50
for pork	34.05
for straw	13.25
for turkeys	23.58
for butter	2.80
for vegetables	4.84
for cow-hide	4.34
for cider	20.50
for cranberries	21.75
for onions	15.15
for eggs	2.30
for beef	30.71
for board of Nellie McCaffrey	25.00
for board of indigent soldiers	55.00
for sundries	6.53
for produce furnished poor outside of almshouse	8.10
for one cow	33.00
for one horse	100.00
	$982.86

PAYMENTS.

Paid for meat	$45.90
for crackers	15.40
for fish	2.12
for yarn	.90
for blacksmith's work	13.68
for two horses	134.00
for repairing harness	1.45
for medicine	4.98
for labor	252.07
for groceries	357.62
Car fare for J. Gardner	1.55
for lantern	.75
for candle-moulds	1.00
for neck-yoke, whiffletree and work	11.80
for repairing pump	.25
for express bill on trunk	1.00
for one set of double harness and collars	70.50
for exchanging bulls	5.00
for one pair of wheels	10.00
for digging grave for Mrs. Blake	2.00
Leonard Luce, for attending funeral of Mrs. Blake	2.00
for cranberry rake	1.50
J. H. Bradley, for services as Master of Almshouse from April 1, 1878, to April 1, 1879	300.00
for apples and making cider	4.62
for soap	4.00
for iron kettle	.75
for shoats	19.00
for lime	.25
for water-pail	.48
for horse-blankets	6.25
for whitewashing	2.00
E. C. Atwood, for medical attendance at Almshouse,	25.00
for milk-pans	1.87
for bed-ticking	1.75
for clothing for inmates	10.75
for candles	2.64
for house-paper	.48
for filing saws	.50
for coffin for Mrs. Blake	12.00
for repairing sled	1.00
for four heifers	75.50
for three cows	92.50
for coal	15.00
for one manure-fork	1.25
for rye feed	23.46
Amount caried forward	$1,536.52

Amount brought forward	$1,536.52
for grain	50.05
for clover seed	1.00
for sowing onion seed	.50
for butchering	4.07
for screen	.48
for steamer	.20
for garden seeds	.20
for tomato plants	.60
for teapot	.50
for salt	.25
for dishpan	.45
for waterpot	1.20
for halter	.50
for grain	115.38
for neatsfoot oil	1.55
for repairing mowing machine	3.00
for tin ware	3.38
for wagon pole	1.75
E. A. Stevens, for lumber and labor on barn	48.30
David Read, for stone and labor on barn	36.10
Loss on personal property, as by appraisal	216.65
	$1,922.63
Deduct proceeds sold from farm	982.86
And the expense of altering the barn	98.00
" " " " keeping eight hundred and thirty-nine tramps, estimated at 25 cents each	207.25
Labor off the farm, unpaid	17.22
	1305.23
Leaves as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Almshouse	617.63

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR

Outside of the Almshouse.

Paid for the relief of Wm. Robinson	$26.00
for the relief of Hannah Wetherbee	25.50
for the relief of Mary Howe	46.04
for the relief of Thomas Lawler	5.00
for postage stamps and stationery	4.00
E. C. Atwood, for medical attendance on C. J. Searles' family	19.50
for the relief of G. W. Wright	10.00
Lunatic Asylum, at Worcester, for A. Woodward, R. Keyes and T. W. Dupee	574.45
Amount carried forward	$710.49

Amount brought forward	$710.49
New England Hospital, for E. Thorning	50.00
for the relief of Nancy Jones	85.86
George Leland, as witness in Wm. Read case	1.56
D. W. Sherman, as witness in Wm. Read case	1.56
for the relief of E. Holt	11.50
for the relief of Mary Howe	11.50
for the relief of L. L. Kemp	14.60
for the relief of T. Nolan	4.00
for the relief of Jane A. L. Patch	7.00
for goods for Charlotte Bishop's children	18.00
Albert Richardson, for use of cart	4.00
J. B. Heald, for medical attendance on Mrs. J. P. Felch	8.50
N. S. Hamblin, for attending court in Wm. Read's case	2.64
Town of Littleton, for assistance furnished Wm. H. Nichols, in 1877, 1878 and 1879	131.14
Alvan Fisher, for time spent in buying cows	2.00
Alvan Fisher, for going to Worcester about Woodward, Keyes and Dupee	5.00
Alvan Fisher, for services as overseer	10.00
David Reed, for time spent in going to Fitchburg about L. L. Kemp	3.00
David Reed, for services as overseer	10.00
Edward Prescott, for making out reports to Board of State Charities	2.50
for making out report to town	5.00
for going to Worcester about Woodward, Keyes and Dupee	5.00
for services as overseer	10.00
Arthur Wright, for goods for Charles H. Spalding's family	108.51
Arthur Wright, for goods for Mrs. W. O. Wright	26.00
" " " " " J. Moran	4.90
John P. Green	5.00
H. D. Pierce, in part for salary due April 1, 1880	150.00
	$1,409.26

Received from the town of Carlisle,	$ 26.00	
" " Lorenzo Dupee,	57.36	
" " the town of Townsend,	19.50	
" " " " " Concord,	85.86	
" " " " " Bridgewater,	57.59	
Due from the State,	10.00	
" " Bridgwater,	12.76	
On H. D. Pierce's salary,	150.00	
		$418.07
Expense of poor outside of Almshouse,		$991.19

STATEMENT

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer,		1913.32
Loss on personal property,		216.65
Received note in full from B. Palmer,		80.64
" from former overseers,		16.35
		$2225.96
Due from Bedford,	$ 13.50	
" " Bridgewater,	12.76	
" " State,	10.00	
H. D. Pierce in advance,	150.00	
		$186.26
Cost of Supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm,		2039.70
Number receiving two meals and lodging,		839
" supported in the Almshouse,		7
Average number,		$6\frac{11}{52}$
Number aided out of the Almshouse,		36

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ALVIN FISHER,
DAVID REED,
Overseers of the Poor.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY,

At the Almshouse in Westford, Feb. 6, 1880.

2 horses	$125 00
Harnesses,	100 00
Currycomb and brush,	50
8 cows,	240 00
4 heifers,	70 00
9 tons English hay,	135 00
11 tons stock hay,	110 00
½ ton corn fodder,	2 00
1½ ton oats fodder,	18 00
9 hay forks,	2 00
15 meal boxes,	5 00
Windmill,	4 00
Corn sheller,	4 00
40 bushels corn,	28 00
8 bushels oats,	4 80
Shorts,	1 60
4 bushels of rye,	4 00
2 mowing machines,	50 00
60 flour barrels,	6 00
8 meal bags,	1 60
11 sacks,	60
2 drag rakes,	1 00
9 tie chains,	1 80
3 ox yokes,	3 00
5 iron bars,	5 00
5 plows,	20 00
2 cultivators,	4 00
5 shovels,	2 50
2 spades,	1 00
6 manure forks	2 00
Manure hooks,	1 00
2 picks,	1 50
1 ditching knife,	50
5 bog hoes,	5 00
Shafts and axles,	2 00
3 water tubs,	1 50
Ox muzzle,	25
Ladders and hooks,	8 00
1 ox cart,	40 00
1 farm wagon,	70 00
Hay wagon,	20 00
Horse cart,	50 00
25 fowls,	12 50
4 whiffletrees,	3 00
4 turkeys,	5 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,172.65

Amount brought forward,	$1,172.65
2 hog hooks,	1 00
Oil meal,	4 00
2 hay cutters,	1 00
2 horse wagon	50 00
Ox sled,	2 00
Neck yoke evener,	5 00
Rope,	40
Carpenters' tools,	20 00
Horse sled,	15 00
4 swine,	42 00
6 chains,	2 00
Cow bell,	50
Horse rake,	30 00
Scythes and snaths,	4 00
Grindstone,	5 00
Sleigh,	6 00
Wheelebarrow,	1 00
Copper kettle,	2 00
5 wood saws,	5 00
4 saw horses,	2 00
6 garden rakes,	3 00
7 baskets,	2 80
Grain cradle,	50
5 hoes,	2 00
4 bushels of beans,	8 00
2 harrows,	10 00
Cultivator harrow.	5 00
Stone drag,	3 00
String of bells,	50
150 pounds corned beef,	9 00
275 pounds of salt pork,	22 00
200 pounds of hams,	20 00
Washing machine,	4 00
Meal chest and meal,	3 00
30 gallons of soap and cask,	4 50
Hard soap,	50
16 gallons of pickles,	6 40
Beetle, ring and wedges,	2 00
Butter worker,	50
Wrenches and hammers,	2 00
Chairs,	2 40
Castor,	1 00
100 pounds of lard	10 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,492.65

Amount brought forward,	$1,492.65
70 bushels of potatoes,	35 00
12 " " roots,	6 00
2 bushels of onions,	3 50
2 fly traps,	1 50
100 pounds pop corn,	3 00
2 apple parers,	1 00
Iron pots,	1 00
75 pounds cheese,	10 50
10 " butter,	3 30
Gallon measures,	50
75 gallons vinegar,	15 00
19 casks,	10 00
120 gallons cider,	14 40
2 gals. molasses and barrel,	1 50
Oil and can,	1 00
24 doz. candles,	3 00
3 wash tubs,	2 00
2 cook stoves,	40 00
2 wash boilers,	5 00
100 pounds dried apple,	8 00
Coal stove,	8 00
3 air tight stoves,	12 00
Clothes wringer,	6 00
Butter mould,	1 00
Churns,	2 50
10 butter tubs,	50
Candle mould,	1 20
Cranberry rake,	1 50
10 pounds sugar,	1 00
Salt,	62
Garden weeder,	60
Clothes line,	1 00
Chopping knife and tray,	75
100 lbs. lard,	10 00
Pairs steelyards,	3 50
Earthen pots,	50
11 bedsteads and bedding,	250 00
5 rocking chairs,	5 00
Cabinet chair,	2 00
11 table cloths and towels,	5 00
Clocks,	2 00
8 tables,	15 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,987.52

Amount brought forward,	$1,987.52
Window curtains,	2 00
Cradle,	1 00
4 shawls,	5 00
3 looking glasses,	1 00
Franklin stove,	1 00
24 milk pans,	8 00
4 wash basins,	60
Tin ware,	10 00
Wooden bowl,	50
Water pot,	75
Stove blacking and brush,	30
2½ pounds tea,	1 13
1 ton coal,	8 00
Horse blankets,	6 25
21 cords of wood,	63 00
5 Brooms,	1 00
Boxes and spices,	1 25
½ barrel flour,	3 50
Seives,	50
3 jugs,	75
Lamps and lanterns,	5 00
Knives, forks, spoons,	2 50
Crockery,	10 00
Shovels and tongs,	1 00
10 chest,	5 00
Candle sticks,	50
Clothes dryer,	1 00
4 tumblers,	32
6 trunks,	5 00
Case drawers and contents,	2 50
7 flat irons,	2 50
Rifle,	3 00
Handcuffs.	2 00
Bedpan,	1 50
Injection pipes,	6 00
Dinner bell,	75
Mop handle and wringer,	1 00
2 sickles,	50
Rubber blanket,	50
2 buffalo robes,	4 00
3 pair eye glasses,	3 00
Flails,	50
Total,	$2,161.12

T. A. BLODGET,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
G. W. HEYWOOD.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their Twenty-fifth Annual Report, for the year ending February 14, 1880:—

Number of books purchased	235
Public documents received from the State	9
" " " " " United States	2
Monthly Review, presented by the American Unitarian Association	12
Whole number of books added during the year	258
Number of applicants for books	637
" " issues of books	8845
Whole number of books in the Library	3690
Number added since the publication of the last supplement	757

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Balance from last year's appropriation	$ .18
Annual appropriation for new books, 1879–'80	100.00
Dog tax appropriated " " "	156.00
Fines	7.55
Total	$263.73

Payments.

April 7, 1879—Willard Small, bill of books	$ 31.46
July 15, " " " " " "	65.50
Nov. 7, " " " " " "	48.39
Feb. 7, 1880 " " " " "	83.25
Books bought of A. W. Lovering, Lockwood, Brooks & Co., and others	26.75
Express bills	3.25
Total	$258.60
Cash in hands of Directors	5.13
	$263.73

The increased usefulness of our Library is apparant in the greater number of applicants with each succeeding year; and as a means of self-education, the love of reading which it excites, is invaluable. There has been a larger demand for books from the outskirts of the town—particularly from the village of Graniteville—than in any previous year.

The whole number of issues has been less than in 1879. This is attributable, partly, to the marked change in the choice of reading, among the young people. Books of a higher grade have been selected, which would demand more time and thought. As usual, a larger per cent. of fiction has been called for than of any other kind of literature. A good story is always acceptable. Recognizing this fact, and that the true aim of fiction is to afford an insight into human character, as well as to give a healthy stimulus to the imagination, the committee have endeavored to exclude anything of a trashy or sensational character, and to make this department the stepping stone to higher ideals. Next in popularity to works of fiction are those of travel and adventure. Many graphic books of this character have been added, as well as standard works of biography and history. Gifts of books from Mrs. J. W. Abbot and Mr. Alvan Fisher are gratefully acknowledged.

By reference to the report, it will be seen that over seven hundred and fifty volumes are uncatalogued. As a matter of convenience to the patrons of the Library, we would suggest the desirability of a new catalogue as early as practicable.

Once more, we would call attention to the large number of books that have to be rebound or replaced annually. This, though partly due to imperfect bindings, is more generally owing to carelessness in the use.

A conscientious care on the part of each one would prevent this necessity and save much expense.

We would recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars for the purchase of books the ensuing year.

WILLIAM E. FROST,
ELIZA A. BABBITT,
ALLAN CAMERON,
Directors of Public Library.

LIST OF JURORS, 1880.

The following names will be reported at the Annual March meeting, to be placed in the jury-box, subject to revision by the town:

Edward Prescott,	Albert P. Richardson,
Cyrus Hamlin,	Isaac P. Woods,
Wm. Henry H. Burbeck,	Hezekiah Cummings,
Samuel G. Humiston,	Alvin G. Polley,
Albert W. Frederick,	Josiah O. Wright,
George Hutchins,	Nelson L. Tuttle,
Isaac E. Day,	W. F. Balch,
Charles E. Whidden,	Thomas Drew,
Wm. L. Kittredge,	J. Murray Chamberlin,
Hiram H. Decatur,	John Wilson.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.
Selectmen of Westford.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1880.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To John Lanktree, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford, GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the first day of March, being the first Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock, A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock, A. M., and closed at 1 o'clock, P. M.,) to act upon the following articles, to wit:—

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To hear Report of Selectmen and act in relation to the same.
3. To hear Report of Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer and act in relation to the same.
4. To hear Report of Overseers of Poor and act in relation to the same.
5. To hear Report of School Committee and act in relation to the same.
6. To hear Report of Directors of Town Library and act in relation to the same.
7. To hear Report of Selectmen on Guide Boards and act in relation to the same.

8. To hear Report of Auditor—as authorized by vote of Town, March 1879—and act in relation to the same.

9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Report of the Overseers of Poor, made March, 1879, or act in relation to the same.

10. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm, all on one ballot.

11. To raise money to defray Town Debts and Charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

12. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.

13. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

14. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money, from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

15. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.

16. To raise money to repair Roads and Bridges, and direct by whom and in what manner the same shall be expended.

17. To choose all other Town Officers, necessary to be chosen by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.

18. To hear Report of Selectmen upon wall at East Burying Ground and act in relation to the same.

19. To see if the Town will authorize the employment of a competent person to examine the Town House and ascertain in what manner it can best be repaired and improved, with an estimate of the expense, the whole information so obtained to be reported at the next Town Meeting.

20. To see if the Town will vote to widen and straighten the road in Graniteville, commencing at the lower Bridge over Stony Brook and running to corner of road, at land of Abbot Worsted Co.

21. To hear Report of Selectmen upon Private Way, petitioned for by John Gregg and others, and act in relation to the same.

22. To see what action the Town will take in regard to repairing and widening the swamproad, leading from Wm. Laws' to Chelmsford line.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.
Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1881.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE, BACHELLER & LIVINGSTON, PRINTERS, 18 JACKSON STREET.
1881.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD.

1880.

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN,

GEORGE T. DAY, ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

ASSESSORS,

ASAPH B. CUTTER, HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
CHARLES H. FLETCHER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ALVAN FISHER,
DAVID REED.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. Henry Read, John Wilson,
Edwin R. Hodgman, Moses Edwards,
Olive A. Prescott, Hezekiah Cummings.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JOHN LANKTREE.

CONSTABLES,

William C. Edwards,
Joseph Wall,
John Logue,
Wesley O. Hawks,
John Lanktree,
Samuel A. Hamblin.

FENCE-VIEWERS,

William Kittredge, George Hutchins,
John M. Fletcher.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM,

Artemas W. Cummings, Thaddeus A. Blodgett,
Calvin A. Decatur.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

LIBRARIAN,

TRUE A. BEAN.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

Abiel J. Abbot, Eliza A. Babbitt,
Arthur Wright.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, &c.,

John B. Fletcher,
Arthur Wright,
Abiel J. Abbot,
W. H. H. Burbeck,
Sherman H. Fletcher,
John M. Fletcher,
Nahum H. Wright,
Jacob Smith,
Geo. W. Heywood,
Samuel A. Hamblin,
William C. Edwards,
John W. Day,
John E. T. Hazen,
Charles E. Whidden.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

Ephraim A. Stevens,
Thomas Drew,
George H. Prescott,
Albert W. Frederick,
Gardner A. Perham,
Albert S. Read,
Wesley O. Hawks,
Charles E. Whidden,
Frank O. Decatur,
Jacob Smith,
Charles L. Fletcher,
Gilmer Stone,
William C. Edwards.

FIELD-DRIVERS,

Napoleon B. Blood,
Edward C. Atwood,
James A. Walkden,
Charles Dane,
J. A. Carkin,
Frank W. Banister,
Clarence R. P. Decatur,
Lewis B. Palmer,
J. Everett Woods,
David Farrar,
J. H. Wilson,
H. P. Ruggles,
Timothy Fletcher,
Daniel E. Atwood,
Frank C. Hildreth,
George W. Cummings,
George W. Heywood,
Geo. W. Pelsue,
Charles H. Wright,
Geo. B. Hildreth,
Samuel L. Blodgett,
Jacob Smith,
Charles Carkin,
Allen Fisk.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES,

ALLEN R. PERHAM.

MARRIAGES,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1880.

DATES.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
January 1.....	Daniel W. Parker.....	28	Lowell.	Groton.
	Luna Adella Frederick.....	22	Westford.	Westford.
February 7....	Robert G. Hemans.....	22	Westford.	Canada.
	Mary R. Provost.....	24	Westford.	Canada.
March 17.....	Harvey S. Wadsworth.....	52	Ayer.	Milford, N. H.
	Sarah A. Davis.....	39	Westford.	Westford.
March 30.....	Clarence A. Webster.....	23	Westford.	Carlisle.
	Elizabeth Ferry.....	18	Westford.	Tewksbury.
April 3.....	Nathan Snowdon.....	25	Westford.	England.
	Annie Flarhtey.....	21	Westford.	England.
April 19.....	Abiel Jacob Abbot.....	30	Westford.	Westford.
	Mary Alice Mosely..	30	Newburyport.	Newburyport.
May 6.....	William H. Decatur	21	Westford.	Barrington, N. H.
	Susan Donoghue.....	23	Westford.	New Brunswick.
May 15.....	George W. Whitney	23	Westford.	Westford.
	Mary Emma Read.....	23	Lowell.	St. Johns, N. B.
June 13.....	Levi Reed.....	47	Westford.	Westford.
	Lucy A. Wheeler.....	47	Lowell.	Mt. Holly, Vt.
June 15.....	Charles Watson Blood.....	25	Westford.	Groton.
	Flora Belle Eaton.....	18	Westford.	Westford.
June 28.....	J. Bernard Brinton.....	45	Philadelphia, Pa.	Chester Co., Pa.
	Emma D. Southwick.....	46	Westford.	Peabody.
July 1.....	Marshall Brown	24	Littleton.	St. Johns, N. B.
	Florence Josephine Hutchins	20	Westford.	Westford.
July 1.....	Benjamin Franklin Nutting..	38	Westford.	Westford.
	Susan E. Shackett.....	38	Westford.	Vermont.
July 11	Loammi C. Bicknell.....	41	Westford.	Westford.
	Jenny Pacey.....	36	Townsend.	England.
August 14.....	Charles E. Schoolcraft.....	20	Chelmsford.	Canada.
	Eva E. Bockus.....	22	Chelmsford.	Canada.
November 10..	Joseph B. Heald.....	30	Westford.	Indian Territory.
	Caroline A. Howe.....	25	Pepperell.	Pepperell.
November 12..	George Abbot Leland.....	20	Westford.	Westford.
	Mary Griffin.....	25	Lowell.	Ireland.

Marriages recorded, ... 17
Marriages between natives, ... 9
Marriages between foreigners, ... 3
Marriages between native and foreign, ... 5

BIRTHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1880.

DATES.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 10....	Belle May Gould.....	George E. and Dora C. (Russell) Gould.
" 13....	Frank Walter Kelly.....	Lewis W. and Nellie R. (Sargent) Kelly
Feb. 5....	Lester Perley Collins.....	Phinehas G. and Ellen E. (Read) Collins.
" 10....	Sarah Josephine Hunt.....	George W. and Anna (Irish) Hunt.
" 24....	Flora May Farrar.....	Samuel and Susan M. (Snow) Farrar.
Mar. 2....	Mary Frances Larkin	Cornelius N. and Bridget D. (Bradley) Larkin
" 6....	Guy Roberts Decatur.....	Clarence R. P. and Addie (Roberts) Decatur.
" 7....	Bertha Amelia Prescott.....	Eben and Josephine A. (Webster) Prescott.
" 25....	Zina Lottie Mitchell.....	Charles E. and Clara L. (Reed) Mitchell.
April 5....	John Henry Sullivan.....	Lawrence and Mary A. Sullivan.
" 22....	Emeraldo Eugenie Furnier...	Frank and Eugenie (Lemire) Furnier.
" 25....	John Herbert Fletcher.....	J. Marion and Eunice J. (Tibbetts) Fletcher.
May 3...	George Durant Walkden.....	James A. and Lydia (Kelly) Walkden.
" 4....	Robert William Hemans.....	Geo. Robert and Mary R. (Provost) Hemans.
" 10....	David Leo Moran.....	David and Julia F. (Murphy) Moran.
" 12...	Maud Annis Fuller.....	Alfred G. and Mary A. (Fisk) Fuller.
June 13....	Gertrude Anna Craven.....	Edward and Emily (Irish) Craven.
" 21....	Elizabeth Potter Smith.....	Alfred E. and Etta (Johnson) Smith.
July 2....	Charles Marshall Trull	John D. and Maggie J. (Marshall) Trull.
" 12....	Thomas Henry Donohue	Florence and Margaret (O'Neal) Donohue.
Aug. 17....	Herbert Sylvester Caunter....	John W. and Elizabeth J. (Mann) Caunter.
" 19....	Helen Sophia Polley.....	Alvin G. and Marietta (McIntyre) Polley.
" 21....	Joel Boucher.....	Henry and Adeline (Cheney) Boucher.
" 24....	Bertha Elizabeth Wright.....	Charles A. and Celia J. (Smith) Wright.
" 31....	Isaac Garfield Denby.....	Isaac and Hannah (Bentley) Denby.
Sept. 12....	Miner Harlow Amos Evans .	Miner H. A. and Harriet R. (Sargent) Evans.
" 19....	Philip Reginald Prescott.....	Noah and Frances A. (Tower) Prescott.
" 21....	Ruth Amelia Turner.....	John and Alice (Macbeth) Turner.
" 26....	Auberthina Ruisseaux.....	Henry and Elmira (Leroy) Ruisseaux.
Oct. 3....	Bridget Elizabeth Dailey....	George F. and Margaret (Casey) Dailey.
" 4....	Albert Wellman Farrar	David W. and Myra (Munroe) Farrar.
" 5....	George Alvin Blaisdell.....	Joel Alvin and Elizabeth (Hutchins) Blaisdell
" 11...	Mary Jane Doherty.....	Edward and Ann (McGlinchy) Doherty.
" 11....	Susanna Doherty.....	Edward and Ann (McGlinchy) Doherty.
" 14....	James Francis Quinn.....	Thomas and Mary J. (Murphy) Quinn.
" 22....	Leman Henry Fletcher.....	Varnum T. and Emma E. (Doane) Fletcher.
Nov. 1....	Nellie Lily Blanche Webster.	Clarence A. and Elizabeth (Ferry) Webster.
" 6....	Lester Edwin Gilson.....	Edwin B. and Kate D. (Blodgett) Gilson.
" 12....	Arthur Garfield Cummings...	Orrin W. and Sarah E. (Pinkham) Cummings.
Dec. 14....	Rose O'Meara.....	John and Sarah E. (London) O'Meara.
" 16....	Everett Leroy Gilson	James H. and Elvira J. (Colburn) Gilson.
" 28....	George Turner	Thomas and Adelaide (Ackson) Turner.

Births recorded,	42
Males,	23
Females,	19
Native parentage,	23
Foreign parentage,	14
Native and foreign,	5

DEATHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1880.

DATES.		NAMES.	AGE. YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
January	2	Hannah M. Whitcomb	56	—	18
"	5	Nancy C. Reed	84	4	—
"	17	Mary E. Murphy	22	6	17
"	21	John Waldo Cumings	69	10	13
February	19	Catherine Taylor	70	11	15
"	27	Rosanna Anderson	81	8	15
"	28	Marietta Wright	20	4	25
"	29	Lucy J. Hoar	19	4	15
March	13	Betsey Morrison	56	—	—
"	26	James Lackin	—	9	22
April	22	Lucy B. Fuller	69	6	24
"	22	William G. Richardson	23	4	—
May	10	Alden P. Osgood	60	7	1
"	20	Daniel Flagg	74	—	6
"	28	Horace Pratt	77	11	21
June	27	Winthrop F. Wheeler	65	3	—
July	15	Mary A. Hildreth	65	8	15
"	16	William Campfield	—	—	—
"	22	Walter M. Blodgett	63	—	—
August	14	William Henry Folland	35	—	—
"	23	Moses Caryl	84	4	3
"	24	William Folland Willis	21	5	2
"	24	Clara L. Mitchell	19	1	14
September	10	Sarah Wright	81	4	29
October	17	Asia Nutting	84	2	9
"	17	Dora E. Sweetser	11	2	27
"	18	Lucinda Laws	85	1	19
"	21	Edna Almira Sherburne	—	2	—
"	21	Sally B. Burrill	84	—	—
November	3	Henrietta Bailey	59	3	17
"	13	Augustus Hiram Chandler	52	2	12
"	23	Richard B. Tobie	84	8	18
"	30	Hiram H. Decatur	56	2	27
December	4	Emma J. Bailey	21	9	12
"	11	Infant child Sidney D. Whitney	—	—	—
"	14	Jerry S. Murphy	26	—	—
"	20	Abby May Read	9	7	20

Whole number recorded, ... 37
Number who died in Westford, ... 33

	Male.	Fem.		Male.	Fem.
Between 80 and 90 years,	3	5	Between 20 and 30 years,	3	3
" 70 " 80 "	2	1	" 10 " 20 "	0	3
" 60 " 70 "	4	2	" 5 " 10 "	0	1
" 50 " 60 "	2	3	" 1 " 5 "	0	0
" 40 " 50 "	0	0	Under 1 year,	3	1
" 30 " 40 "	1	0			

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX ss., Dec. 7, 1880.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of the said Middlesex County One Hundred Seventy $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars, for Dog-Licenses for the year eighteen hundred and eighty, as per his account of 4th inst.—$170.40.

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED 1880.

Banister, Frank W.
Bean, True A.
Blodgett, Josiah W.
Blodgett, Luther W.
Blodgett, Thaddeus A.
Blodgett, Wilford G.
Brooks, Benjamin G.
Burke, Dennis
Butterfield, Janet
Caldwell, Otis
Carmichael, John
Carkin, A. W.
Carkin, Charles H.
Carkin, Isaac W.
Chamberlin, Henry
Clark, Paul S. F.
Coburn John
Comey, Wm. S.
Comey, W. Wallace
Conley, Kate
Cummings, Edward M.
Curren, William
Decatur, Frank O.
Decatur, Clarence R. P.
Decatur, John H.
Drew, Greenleaf
Drew, Thomas
Davie John
Day, Isaac E.
Day, George T.
Downs, Matthew F. 4.
Elliot, Geo. H.
Evans, Miner H. A.
Flagg, Stillman S.
Fletcher, Benj. M.
Fletcher, Andrew
Fletcher, Luke L.
Fletcher, Sherman D.
Fletcher, Samuel,
Fletcher, Varnum T.
Frederick, Geo. S.
Gardner, Robert
Gerry, George W.
Gilson, James H.
Gray, Stillman B.
Greig, John
Hall, Irene
Hamlin, Cyrus
Hamblin, Samuel A.
Holdsworth, Daniel
Horan, Thomas
Hurd, Pheudeus H.
Hutchins, John, Jr.
Ingalls, Geo. W.
Ireland, Geo. Henry
Keyes, Rebecca H.
Leighton, Amos
Martin, Elizabeth
Martin, John
Murray, Arthur
Nesmith, Geo. W.
Norrie, John
O'Brien, Cornelius
O'Brien, James
Prescott, Nathan
Prescott, Nelson L.
Reed, Charles W. 2.
Reed, Merrick
Reed, William, 1st
Sargent, Frederic G.
Shugrue, Patrick
Smith, Mary A.
Stephens, Rheinold
Stiles, Wm. M.
Sullivan, Florence,
Sweetser, Nathaniel
Vose, Wm. M.
Wall, Joseph
Webber, Asa
Whitney, Hiram
Whitney, Geo. W.
Whitney. Julian
Wilson, Joseph
Worcester, Israel S.
Wright, Arthur
Wright, Edward E.
Wright, Erastus. 2.
Wright, Kendall, A.
Wright, Walter E.

Whole number	94
Males	93
Females	1

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 10, 1881.

The Committee appointed by the Selectmen to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash in treasury at last settlement	$5,208.02
Cash borrowed	6,200.00
Corporation tax for 1879, in full	15.79
" " " 1880 " part	967.69
National bank tax for 1879	37.36
" " " " 1880, in part	702.66
From State—aid to soldiers' families, 1879	361.00
" " to indigent soldiers, 1878	326.40
" " " " " 1879	147.00
" " —school fund, 1879–'80	178.28
" " —for rent of armory for 1880	150.00
" County Treasurer—dog tax, 1879	152.19
" Joseph Marshall, license	50.00
" I. W. Sprague "	100.00
" M. F. Downs "	100.00
" Albert A. Wright, janitor, collected for rent of town hall	10.75
From T. A. Bean, janitor, collected for rent of town hall	18.00
Town of Chelmsford, for scholars sent to school No. 7	5.50
" " Groton, " " " " " " 3	72.00
From State Treasurer on pauper account	10.00
" Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license	2.00
" W. E. Frost, old library shelves	3.00
" fines for non-attendance of scholars at school No. 3	40.00
" Chas. L. Fletcher, refunded on account of culvert	10.00
" Eben Prescott, for grass at East Cemetery	4.00
" John Lanktree, collector, 1878, in part	314.13
" " " " 1879, " "	1,871.39
" " " " interest on taxes	50.42
" " " " 1880, before Oct. 6	10,957.37
" " " " " " Dec. 6	1,138.03
" " " " " after " "	1,793.68
	$30,996.66

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest	$10,920.73	
Interest on other notes	800.00	
State tax, 1880	930.00	
County tax, 1880	467.33	
State Treasurer, 25 per cent. on three licenses	62.50	
Overseers of the Poor, by orders	1,680.66	
Orders for incidental and other expenses	10,342.32	
On account of schools	3,439.55	
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer	2,353.57	
		$30,996.66

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Note due Mrs. E. J. Tobie	$ 125.00
" " " Alma M. Richardson	1,000.00
Notes " Worcester County Institution for Savings	14,000.00
Accrued interest on above notes	191.45
Balance of appropriation for schools, unexpended	1.187.71
	$16,504.16

RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1880	$ 394.50	
" " " " " " " 1881	33.00	
" " " " " indigent soldiers, 1880	207.00	
" " " " " " " 1881	17.50	
" " " Corporation tax, 1880	2.66	
" " " National bank tax, 1880	16.00	
John Lanktree, collector, 1878	81.17	
" " " 1879	230.96	
" " " 1880	2,297.02	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	2,353.57	
		$5,633.38

Indebtedness of the town, Feb. 10, 1881	$10,870.78
" " " " Feb. 10, 1880	12,530.34
Decrease of debt	$1,659.56

J. HENRY READ,
J. MURRAY CHAMBERLIN,
NELSON L. TUTTLE,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of Real Estate May 1, 1880	$834,630.00
" " Personal Estate May 1, 1880	167,687.00
Tax on one hundred dollars	1.56
Number of Polls	550
" " dwelling houses	415
" " horses	312
" " cows	727
" " sheep	31

Amount raised to defray town debts and charges, 1880	$10,300.00
" " for schools	3,000.00
" " roads and bridges	2,000.00
State Tax	930.00
County Tax	467.33
Overlayings	179.34

ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
CHARLES H. FLETCHER,
Assessors of Westford.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending March 1, 1880.....	$50.00	
Time and expense in paying State tax and obtaining information respecting corporation tax, &c.....	3.70	
Time and expense in insuring School House No. 5.....	1.50	
Time and expense in insuring School House No. 6 and consulting insurance agents about other insurance policies.....	2.30	
Entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with treasurer....	3.50	
		$61.00

TOWN CLERK.

E. R. Hodgman, salary as town clerk.....	$12.00	
Postage and express.....	2.06	
Going to Groton to count votes.....	3.00	
Copying for town report.....	1.50	
Recording forty births.....	20.00	
" thirty-eight deaths.....	5.70	
" seventeen marriages.....	2.55	
		$46.81

SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary.....	$ 5.00
Making out monthly State aid returns, under chaps. 252 and 301, Acts 1879	8.00
Making out monthly State aid book.....	3.00
" " dog warrant.....	1.00
" " register of voters.....	2.00
" " town report.....	5.00
" " Fire Insurance report.....	1.00
" " quarterly returns to State Board of Health.....	1.50
Amount carried forward.....	$26.50

Amount brought forward.....	$26.50	
Three days' time spent in perambulating town lines.....	6.00	
Three trips to Lawrence, to confer with C. T. Emerson, about plans and contracts for Town House.....	7.20	
Three trips to Lowell and Chelmsford, procuring estimates for alterations of Town House.....	5.00	
Extra time as Selectman, spent in looking after repairs on roads and Town House..... .	22.00	
Three trips to Ayer, to arrange settlement of Insurance on School House burned, time and expense.....	5.05	
One trip to Lowell, for same, to consult George E. Coburn & Son.....	1.25	
		$73.00
A. P. Richardson, salary.....	$5.00	
Time and expense in going to Lawrence, Lowell and Chelmsford, procuring estimates for repairs on Town House and looking after repairs.....	8.00	
Three days' time spent in perambulating town lines.....	6.00	
Extra time as selectman.....	8.00	
Time spent in looking after repairs on roads.....	17.00	
		$44.00
Arthur Wright, salary.....	$5.00	
Extra time as selectman.....	8.00	
Three days' time spent in perambulating town lines.....	6.00	
Time spent in making contracts for building School House, and repairs on Town House, &c.....	10.00	
Time spent in looking after repairs on roads.....	8.00	
		$37.00

ASSESSORS.

Henry Chamberlin, thirty days' work, taking invoice, assessing tax and making copy of valuation.....	$75.00	
Time looking up disputed territory.....	2.00	
Asaph B. Cutter, nineteen days' time making taxes.....	47.50	
Charles H. Fletcher, eighteen days' time making taxes.....	45.00	
		$169.50

TAX COLLECTOR.

John Lanktree, collecting $365	$3.65	
Paid for one thousand tax bills	3.25	
Collecting dog-tax, 1880	10.50	
" $14,000 at one per cent	140.00	
" poll taxes	5.00	
		$162.40

CONSTABLES.

Wesley O. Hawks, copying and posting warrants in March, for two meetings	$8.00	
John Lanktree, copying and posting warrants	4.00	
Copying and posting warrants	4.00	
		$16.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Superintendent for third term of school year ending March, 1880	$50.00	
Making annual report	10.00	
Making annual school returns	1.50	
Examining teachers	1.00	
Services as Secretary of the Board	1.00	
Express and Postage	.75	
Superintendent for term ending June 25	50.00	
Examining teachers	2.00	
Superintendent for term ending Nov. 12	50.00	
Examining teachers	1.00	
Extra work procuring teacher	1.00	
		$168.25

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM.

Thaddeus A. Blodgett, appraising property 1879–'80	$4.00	
Geo. W. Heywood, appraising property, 1880	1.50	
		$5.50

PAID OVERSEERS OF POOR AS FOLLOWS:

April, by order	$581.88	
May, " "	385.00	
June " "	135.15	
July " "	168.10	
Sept. " "	144.54	
Oct. " "	119.10	
Dec. " "	146.89	
		$1,680.66

A. A. Wright, services as librarian, in Feb...	$ 4.17	
Work on eighty-six repaired books.....	2.58	
Entering sixty-three new books.....	6.30	
Extra work and express on books.....	2.75	
Services as librarian in March.....	4.17	
Bacheller, Dumas & Co., for binding books, February and March.....	23.75	
T. A. Bean, services as librarian in April....	4.00	
Services as librarian in May.....	4.00	
Express on books.....	.55	
Directors of library, in May.....	41.63	
T. A. Bean, services as librarian, in June....	4.00	
Express on books.....	.50	
Services as librarian, in July.....	4.00	
" " " " August.....	4.00	
Removing library from and returning to Town House.....	8.00	
Directors of library, in October.....	52.65	
T. A. Bean, services as librarian in Sept.....	4.00	
H. C. Church, paper.....	2.75	
T. A. Bean, services as librarian, in October..	4.00	
Express, &c., on books.....	1.60	
Services as librarian, in November.....	4.00	
Bacheller, Dumas & Co., binding books, May and June.....	26.20	
Directors of library in November.....	97.30	
T. A. Bean, services as librarian for Dec.....	4.00	
Stone, Bacheller & Livingston, printing extra rules, &c.....	4.30	
T. A. Bean, services as librarian for Jan.....	4.00	
		$319.20

TOWN HOUSE.

Expense of heating, lighting and care of same.

A. A. Wright, services as janitor for February	$ 6.33
Eleven gallons oil.....	1.10
Services as janitor for March.....	6.33
For sawing wood.....	1.25
Kerosene and chimnies.....	.40
T. A. Bean, services as janitor for April.....	4.00
Paid for 4390 pounds of coal, in April.....	15.91
" " 3¾ feet pine wood.....	1.87
" " 2125 pounds egg coal.....	7.71
T. A. Bean, services as janitor in May.....	4.00
" " " " " " June.....	4.00
Amount carried forward.....	$52.90

Amount brought forward.....	$52.90	
Paid for oil and chimneys in April and May .	1.54	
T. A. Bean, services as janitor in July.....	4.00	
" " " " " " Aug.....	4.00	
" " " " " " Sept.....	4.00	
" " " " " " Oct..... ..	4.00	
Whithed & Co., for 8330 lbs. of broken coal..	27.07	
T. A. Bean, services as janitor for Nov.....	4.00	
Paid for five gallons kerosene oil.....	.50	
" J. F. Prescott, for ½ cord wood, Feb. 1880	2.50	
" W. W. Johnson, 3¼ cords wood, Dec. 1880	15.88	
" T. A. Bean, services as janitor for Dec..	4.00	
Whithed & Co., 9300 pounds broken coal....	36.03	
Paid for five gallons oil.....	.80	
" T. A. Bean, services as janitor for Jan..	4.00	
" for oil, chimneys, &c., Oct., Nov., Dec. and January.....	18.23	
		$183.45

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Received from State for armory rent.....	$ 150.00	
" " A. A. Wright.....	10.75	
" " T. A. Bean.....	18.00	
		$178.75

PRINTING.

Paid Marden & Rowell, printing school reports	$ 25.00	
Stone, Bacheller & Livingston, printing seven hundred town reports.....	60.25	
Two hundred check lists.....	17.00	
Three hundred bill heads.....	2.00	
Tramp notices.....	2.75	
Repairing and rebinding book for Town Clerk.....	3.00	
For one cover.....	.65	
" paper and envelopes.....	4.00	
" printing order books, blanks, circulars, &c.....	12.25	
		$126.90

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel Falls, express charges as per bill.....	$ 1.50
A. P. Richardson, attending funerals, with hearse..	36.00
For going to Littleton for Littleton hearse, seven times and returning same.....	10.50
Amount carried forward.....	$48.00

Amount brought forward	$48.00
Paid For feather duster, chamois skins	5.05
" making cover for hearse	1.00
" taking hearse to Lowell and returning same	4.20
" freight paid on hearse from New Bedford to Lowell	6.90
United States and Canada express	.35
T. A. Bean, sealing weights and measures	12.50
Miss L. Thompson, for meals furnished auditor of overseer's accounts	1.25
Jonathan Colburn, work at west burying ground	6.50
E. A. Stevens, for lumber and labor building shelves for library	68.50
Stephen H. Nutting, work at north burying ground	5.00
C. M. Lawrence, for part of pump	5.00
Express on two machine plates from Keene, N. H.	1.50
Samuel M. Hutchins, work at east burying ground	2.70
For 2½ dozen rings for keys for Town House	1.00
Repairs on locks	.30
Dramatic Club, for 250 feet spruce boards for floor in Town House attic, to chandelier	2.50
First parish, for use of bell	7.50
F. P. Coggeshall, for book files	1.80
Daniel Falls, express	1.00
Town of Littleton, for use of hearse, for seven funerals	10.00
For making new copy of register of voters	3.00
Fielding & Co., 1 gross hooks, for Town House Hall	1.00
Express	1.90
C. W. Blood, labor on furnace, zinc, &c., at Town House	6.75
C. W. Blood, for one lantern	.50
T. A. Bean, sealing scales at Forge Village	2.50
" " keys for Town House	.45
H. P. Lyman, for cleaning Town House clock	1.00
Fiske & Spalding, glass for Town House	1.43
For expense on settees	.50
E. A. Stevens, for sheathing, hinges, nails, &c., and putting doors and laying floor in hearse house	19.37
C. W. Blood, repairs on furnace at Town House	6.08
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal services	65.00
W. W. Johnson, teaming lumber to hearse house	.50
John S. D'Evelyn, for auditing overseers' accounts from 1865 to 1879	21.00
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	20.55
Ames Plow Co., 1 dozen road rakes	10.50
" " " ¾ dozen shovels	8.52
" " " 2 horse rake seats	6.00
Amount carried forward	$369.10

Amount brought forward	$369.10
Paid Express	.40
For ½ dozen license blanks and bonds	1.25
Five express charges on proof of town report	.75
Express on two bundles town reports	.40
" " books	.25
Humphrey Machine Co., for two knives, for road machine	12.00
A. L. Brooks, for lumber for storage room in Town House cellar	16.15
Marshall & Crosby, for case for Town Treasurer, for books and papers	6.30
Vinal & Reeve, for chain	3.70
Express on same	.25
E. A. Stevens, fitting door and springs at Town House	.95
George Hartford, parade ground for cavalry inspection	9.00
Howes & Burnham, lumber for hearse house floor and doors	4.92
Chamberlin & Read, blacksmithing	6.87
F. O. Decatur, as per bill	26.22
Wright & Fletcher, for road picks	4.37
" " " as per bill	45.62
	$508.42

REPAIRS ON HEARSE.

Upon a report made to the Town by the Selectmen, November 4, 1879, of the proposed expense of repairs on the Hearse, the Town by vote authorized them to incur the following expense:

For re-setting tires	$ 2.00
Relining with black broadcloth, new trimmings, repainting, varnishing, &c	148.00
Difference in exchange of runners fitted to draw out of centre	28.50
Putting new irons in "goose neck"	6.90
New spokes	7.00
Whiffle-tree and spring blocks	4.00
Alteration to full platform springs	12.00
New door with lock and handles	5.50
Re-covering top of hearse	14.50
Replating metal mountings	24.50
Black walnut mound with improved coffin fastener	54.00
	$306.90

EXPENSE OF INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid George W. Coburn & Son, premium on School House No. 6	$ 18.75
George E. Underwood, premium on School House No. 1	43.75
George W. Coburn & Son, premium on library	20.00
Traders and Mechanics Insurance Co., for renewal of policy on School House No. 10	15.00
Traders and Mechanics Insurance Co., for premium on additional risk to Town House	15.00
H. C. Church, for four months' permit on alterations of Town House	9.00
George W. Coburn & Son, premium on new school house No. 5	18.75
For builders' risk on addition to Town House	6.00
Premium on School House No. 9	17.50
Premium on Town House	35.00
George E. Underwood, premium on School House No. 4	18.00
	$216.75

REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

At the March Meeting of 1880 the following Article was put in the Warrant:

"To see if the Town will authorize the employment of a competent person to examine the Town House and ascertain in what manner it can best be repaired and improved, with an estimate of the expense, the whole information so obtained to be reported at the next Town Meeting." In accordance with the above it was voted to authorize the Selectmen to employ some competent person to examine the Town House with reference to repairs and alterations in the same, and report to the Town as soon as convenient. In compliance with the vote the Selectmen consulted with Charles T. Emerron, architect, of Lawrence, and reported with plans and estimates at a meeting called for that purpose on the 24th day of March, when the following vote was passed: "Voted, to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen presenting a plan for repairing and improving the Town House, being plan No. 1, which plan contemplates the erection of a front elevation with a straight roof and an addition of fifteen feet to the rear of the building. And that the Selectmen shall be a Committee to carry out the intention of the Town as expressed in the above vote." The Selectmen accordingly

invited proposals from different builders and the contract was awarded to Wm. C. Edwards, one of our townsmen, his proposal being the lowest. The work was done under the general supervision of the architect, C. T. Emerson. The original contract contemplated the shingling of the roof, but by the urgent solicitations of many of the citizens, the Committee were induced, as a matter of economy, to have it slated, which increased the expenditure three hundred dollars. The relaying of the tops of the chimneys was not anticipated, but on examination they were found in such condition it was necessary to do so.

Paid C. T. Emerson, Architect, for drawing plan and specifications, and superintending work on Town House	$135.00

Expense of preparing Foundation for Tower.

Paid G. T. Day, one day's work with oxen and man	5.00
Eben Prescott, work on stone	1.50
Timothy Fletcher, work on stone	3.00
George Yapp, work on stone	2.00
W. M. Wright and others, digging trench	3.00
	$14.00

Expense of preparing Foundation for addition to rear of Building.

Paid W. W. Johnson, drawing 8 perch of stone	$10.00
George F. Millis, laying wall	12.00
George Yapp, laying wall	10.00
Edward E. Wright, digging trench and cellar	9.75
G. T. Day, for man and oxen hauling stone	1.50
A. P. Richardson, assisting in moving old wall	3.00
Timothy Fletcher, laying driveway wall	1.72
G. T. Day, hauling two loads sand	2.00
	$49.97
Paid W. C. Edwards, for repairs of Town House, as by contract	$2750.00
Additional expense for slating roof	300.00
The following charges not covered by original contract:	
Building stairs to attic	35.00
Enlarging two doors to admit piano	2.00
Building partition in cellar for Cavalry, stock and labor	3.00
Amount carried forward	$3,090.00

Amount brought forward	$3,090.00
Stock and labor for plastering in hall	13.00
Railing in front of platform in lower hall	7.50
One pair brackets under arch in upper hall	8.00
Labor fixing cellar doors	2.00
Four circles on posts in lower hall	1.50
Putting truss rods in roof	7.00
	$3,129.00

Expense of relaying chimneys.

Paid G. T. Day, hauling water and preparing for mason	1.50
" " one load of sand	1.00
J. O. Kidder, relaying chimneys	5.50
Edward E. Wright, tending mason	3.75
W. C. Edwards, building staging for mason	5.00
	$16.75

Expense of frescoing upper hall and tinting walls of whole building.

Paid H. W. Keppelmann	$180.00
W. C. Edwards, building stage for frescoing	12.00
Expense of assistance in putting up and taking down stage	2.25
	$194.25

Expense of painting and varnishing wood work inside building, not included in W. C. Edwards' contract.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for oil, lead and varnish	$16.49
J. C. Butterfield, for labor	30.00
C. N. Larkin, lettering doors, &c	10.75
	$57.24

Expense of shelves, &c., in kitchen.

Paid W. C. Edwards, for lumber as per bill	$14.08
W. Wyman, for labor	7.50
	$21.58

Paid A. P. Richardson, for grading as per bill	$7.00
For two cellar windows and frames	2.35
Lime and cement for wall and chimneys	7.00
	$16.35

Expense of alterations in front door of Town House.

The Selectmen having received notice in July, from the State authorities, that the door was not according to law—and were also ordered to make it so—have incurred the following expense in making the alterations.

Paid W. C. Edwards, for labor and stock	$5.60
Wright & Fletcher, for one pair spring hinges and T. handle bolt	19.75
H. A. Fielding, for one lock	2.65
	$28.00
Entire cost of alterations	$3,662.64

BUILDING OF SCHOOL HOUSE IN PARKERVILLE.

By vote of the Town, January 17, 1880, the Selectmen were authorized to procure a plan and specifications for the building of a School House in District No. 5, to replace the one burned. Estimates were received from six different builders, and the contract was given to Jonathan Larcom, of Chelmsford, his estimate being the lowest.

Paid Jonathan Larcom, as per contract for building School House	$1,039.00
Alterations not included in contract	3.00
Putting in the seats	4.25
E. A. Stevens, for drawing plan, writing specifications, &c.	11.60
Wright & Fletcher, for paint and varnish, for work not included in contract	5.73
W. F. Balch, for grading around school house	14.00
A. G. Whitcomb, for school furniture	89.24
W. W. Johnson, for teaming the same	2.00
H. H. Wilder, stove pipe, &c	11.08
Fielding & Co., chain and hooks for stove pipe	1.00
Express on stove pipe	.40
Freight on school furniture	2.30
George B. Hildreth, for painting inside of ell	2.00
G. T. Day, for varnishing seats	1.50
For making five copies of specifications	3.50
G. T. Day, time and expense going to Boston to purchase furniture	3.50
Amount carried forward	$1,194.10

Amount brought forward		$1,194.10
Paid G. T. Day, time spent in going to Chelmsford and Lowell, making contract, and time looking after work on building		6.00
A. P. Richardson, time spent in going to Chelmsford and Lowell, making contract, and time looking after work on building		6.00
J. O. Kidder, work in cellar, including cement and lime		9.37
		$1,215.47
Received from Jonathan Larcom, for doors and windows saved from old school house		35.50
Making entire cost of building and furniture		$1,179.97

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES AND EXPENSE OF BOOKS, &c., FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

School House No. 1.		
C. W. Blood, repairs on stove, &c.	$ 4.62	
Feb.—Box of crayons	.25	
April—Broom and ink	.70	
May—Pail	.25	
E. A. Stevens, repairing seats, &c.	6.60	
for bench	1.25	
labor and material building coal bin	23.27	
Oct.—Box crayons	.20	
Ink	.35	
Nov.—Broom	.30	
		$37.79
School House No. 2.		
April—Books, crayons and ink	$1.10	
E. A. Stevens, setting glass, &c.	1.00	
Sept.—Box crayons	.20	
Oct.—Ink	.35	
Nov.—Broom	.30	
Dec.—Box crayons and ink	.55	
Jan.—Dust-pan	.15	
Paid Boston Supply Co., slating for black board	.67	
		$4.32
School House No. 3.		
1880.		
Setting glass and putting up new hooks	$ .95	
Amount carried forward	$ .95	

Amount brought forward	$ .95	
New lock and repairing old ones	.92	
Cleaning school room	.75	
Slating for blackboard	2.25	
May—Books	1.45	
E. A. Stevens, labor, &c	1.55	
C. W. Blood, zinc, labor, &c	5.77	
Paid for repairs, books, &c	1.35	
S. G. Mack & Co., stove and pipe	16.94	
Boston Supply Co., for slating for blackboard	.69	
		$32.62
School House No. 4.		
John Wilson, repairs	$1.40	
April—Lock and books	.85	
E. A. Stevens, labor, &c	1.45	
H. H. Wilder & Co., for stove and pipe, also chain and expense of purchasing and delivering stove	16.75	
Sept.—Box crayons and ink	.26	
Dec.—Box crayons and ink	.20	
Jan.—Ink and paper	.16	
		$21.07
School House No. 5.		
Paid George H. Elliot, for use of room for school 11 weeks	$33.00	
John Wilson, work	1.50	
May—Broom, books and crayons	2.55	
C. W. Blood, zinc, &c	4.40	
Labor, &c	1.50	
Oct.—Box crayons	.20	
Dec.—Box crayons	.20	
Jan.—Box crayons	.20	
		$43.55
School House No. 6.		
John Wilson, repairs	$2.50	
May—Pail, mug, &c	.45	
Sept.—Box crayons	.20	
Jan.—Broom	.30	
		$3.45
School House No. 8.		
April—Books and crayons	$ .43	
May—Broom, paper and crayons	.70	
Sept.—Two readers	1.40	
Oct.— " "	1.35	
Dec.—Geography and reader	2.00	
Arithmetic and crayons	.45	
Hiram Dane, repairing windows	1.10	
		$7.43

School House No. 9.

Hiram Dane, repairing windows....	$1.10	
April—Books and crayons.....	1.25	
E. A. Stevens, blackboard.....	2.50	
Dec.—Box crayons.....	.20	
Boston School Supply Co., slating for blackboard.....	.67	
		$5.72

School House No. 10 and 11.

H. D. Pierce, man and team, grading	$7.00	
C. W. Blood, stone, doors, labor, &c.	3.66	
Paid for cleaning clock.....	1.00	
Setting glass, &c.....	2.60	
C. W. Blood, mica, &c.....	.75	
		$15.01

By vote of Town passed March 24, 1880, the Selectmen were authorized to paint School House No. 8, and the expense was as follows:—

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for lead, oil, &c....	$19.88	
George B. Hildreth, painting school house	8.50	
Whole cost.....		$28.38

STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

As authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

Paid January.....	$40.00
" February.....	40.00
" March.....	40.00
" April.....	39.00
" May.....	35.00
" June.....	35.00
" July.....	35.00
" August.....	27.00
" September.....	29.00
" October.....	29.00
" November.....	30.00
" December.....	35.00
" January, 1881.....	35.00
	$449.00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' FAMILIES,

As authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

Paid January	$31.50
" February	33.00
" March	33.00
" April	33.00
" May	33.00
" June	33.00
" July	33.00
" August	33.00
" September	33.00
" October	33.00
" November	33.00
" December	33.00
" January, 1881	33.00
	$427.50

REPAIRS OF ROADS.

The town voted to raise the sum of $2000 for repairs of roads and bridges, and the selectmen have paid as follows:

James Hildreth, work done in 1879	$ 6.18
Wm. Reed, three days in April, 1880	3.75
W. F. Balch, work in March	3.00
B. G. Brooks, work in May and June	24.46
Edwin E. Heywood, work in July	4.42
George Gerry, work in June	20.62
Nelson Constantine, work in April, May and June	75.00
Charles Jean, work in May and June	17.50
Levi Lamot, work in April, May and June	57.50
Joseph Allard, work in April, May and June	42.50
A. P. Richardson, work in May and June	6.03
Nelson Constantine, work in June and July	13.87
George Gerry, work in July	1.68
Edward Colburn, work in April, May and June	52.81
T. H. Hamblet and men, work in 1879	8.07
George F. Millis, work in August, 1880	1.75
Luther W. Blodgett, work of men and horses in June and July	44.50
Joseph Paul, work in August	8.75
Henry Lamot, work in August	15.31
Edward Colburn, work in mowing brush	6.25
George Gerry, work in August	22.18
Amount carried forward	$436.13

Amount brought forward	$436.13
Frederick Seifer, work in August	6.60
Joseph Paul, work in August and September	16.24
Arthur Wright, expense of labor in September	2.00
Edwin E. Heywood, work in September	13.00
George Gerry, work in September	16.87
George T. Day, work of man and team in April	3.00
Levi Lamot, work in October and November	40.62
Timothy Fletcher, work in October and November	4.75
Dennis McCarty, work in October	5.00
George Gerry, work in October	20.31
" " work in November	13.75
Joseph Paul, work in November	1.25
Charles Fuller, work	1.25
Thomas Turner, work in November	10.00
H. D. Pierce, work of self, men and horses	840.42
Joseph Allard, work in August and September	36.00
E. C. Coburn, work in August	3.00
Levi Lamot, work in November	15.00
B. G. Brooks, work in July and August	12.00
W. F. Balch, work in July	3.00
W. C. Edwards, work in September	4.00
	$1504.19

COST OF WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING ROAD AT GRANITEVILLE.

Paid H. D. Pierce for teams and men	$112.00
" Gerry, Lamot, Allard and others, for shovelling	58.88
	$170.88

BREAKING ROADS, 1879–1880–1881.

Wm. Reed, 1880	$ .75
John Wayne, 1880	3.25
G. S. Frederick and others, 1880	6.75
James Hildreth	3.00
Edwin E. Heywood and others, 1881	32.74
W. M. Wright, 1881	1.95
Henry Chamberlin, 1881	5.87
W. W. Johnson and team, 1881	11.55
George F. Millis, 1881	1.25
T. C. Reed, 1881	3.75
	$70.86

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1876,	Peter Anderson	$2.26
"	Ozro Brinkerhoff	2.00
"	Enos Brunell	2.00
"	John Burns.	2.00
"	Henry Couillard	3.33
"	Joseph Couillard	2.00
"	Philip Couillard	2.00
"	A. F. Cally	2.00
"	Dennis Couland	2.00
"	C. R. P. Decatur	2.00
"	George F. Dailey	2.00
"	John Dailey, 2d	2.00
"	John Dinsmore	2.00
"	Robert Dyer	2.00
"	Jacob Forrest	2.00
"	John P. Felch	2.00
"	Fred. Floral	2.00
"	Solomon S. Gilson	2.00
"	James A. Hosley	2.00
"	David Harris	2.00
"	H. Harper	2.00
"	William Hues	2.00
"	Thomas Hardy	2.00
"	Lewis Lawrence	2.00
"	William Logue	2.00
"	Napoleon Lavisce	2.00
"	James Morgan	2.00
"	John B. Palmer	2.00
"	Theodore Peartt	2.00
"	Thomas Quinn, 2d	2.00
"	Ormond Shaw	2.00
"	John Shorrow	2.00
"	William Seamey	2.00
"	Reuben Townsend	2.00
"	L. C. Webster	2.00
"	Joseph Moran	2.00
"	Emerson E. Hutchins	2.51
1877,	Charles Dane	2.00
"	Joseph Dane	2.00
"	Joseph Duren	2.24
"	Solomon S. Gilson	2.00
"	Henry Hislop	2.00
"	Alonzo Hosley	2.00
"	George Hardy	2.00
"	James Kelley	2.00
"	Hudson Lackey	.72
	Amount carried forward	$93 06

	Amount brought forward	$93.06
1877,	Nelson Lucia	2.00
"	Patrick Morgan	2.00
"	Michael McCarty	2.00
"	James O'Brien	2.00
"	Theodore Peartt	2.00
"	Fletcher Symmes	2.00
"	Ormond Shaw	2.00
"	John Tower	2.00
"	James Simpson	2.00
"	George E. Chamberlain	.60
"	S. A. Waters	3.60
1878,	Stony Brook Water Power Company	27.00
1879,	Charles A. Wheeler	3.00
"	L. W. Blodgett	3.54
1880,	Estate of James M. Wright	7.80
"	John Craig	5.07
"	W. F. Wheeler	2.00
"	Error in tax book	68.19
		$231.86

SUMMARY.

	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.
Town Officers,	$436 81	$380 16	$345 32	$375 97	$427 44	$944 24	$456 87	$412 79	$351 02	$442 80	$426 90
Tax Collector and Constables,	178 40	141 55	147 98	152 74	116 28	150 00	161 74	160 00	107 00	93 34	122 99
School Committee,	168 25	164 75	170 00	183 40	254 50	197 00	190 00	105 00	100 00	110 00	
Public Library,	319 20	340 05	299 49	336 28	243 21	277 58	328 00	262 27	287 54	291 42	149 80
Town House,	183 45	171 12	166 47								
Printing,	126 90	119 75	119 68	179 85	110 45	204 00	135 00	83 00	150 00	80 00	
School Houses,	170 96	164 91	118 35	189 36	204 42	584 00	90 00	6377 70	3233 02	6020 00	
Incidental Expenses,	500 42	460 07	870 71	897 11	531 03	1315 61	966 07	2424 67	1441 97	1949 59	1404 49
State Aid,	427 50	360 00	533 50	414 00	472 00	492 00	620 00	696 00	612 00	744 00	656 00
Aid to Soldiers and Sailors,	449 00	229 70	374 40								
Roads and Bridges,	1504 19	1454 98	1871 82	1808 13	2244 85	1957 54	2426 93	2320 12	2192 14	1768 13	2643 53
Improvement on Roads,	170 88	69 00	99 47								
Breaking Roads,	70 86	239 22	140 26								
Overseers of Poor,	1080 66	1913 32	1561 39	2331 00	3118 00	1907 50	2142 00	2000 00	2777 00	1535 00	1858 93
Abatement of Taxes,	231 86	216 45	151 45	224 28	98 47	883 42	444 03	197 60	112 18	81 22	68 31
Painting School House,	28 38	189 10									
Repairs on Hearse,	306 90										
Insurance,	216 75										
Repairs on Town House,	3662 64										
Building School House No. 5,	1179 97										
	$12021 98	$6614.13									

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 12, 1881:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

February 11, 1881	$2,965.68
February 6, 1880	2,161.12
Gain on personal property	$804.56

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's Books.

Received for milk	$349.42
for eggs	2.55
for soap grease	2.00
for onions	26.65
for turkeys	23.41
for cider	16.27
for cranberries	18.25
for apples	63.50
for cabbage	.50
for chickens	5.62
for pop corn	.10
for two pigs	10.00
for one horse	10.00
for drawing stone	1.00
for harslet	.25
for mowing	1.25
for use of bull	1.00
for cheese	12.28
for one horse	25.00
for keeping pedler	7.60
for use of cart	3.75
for one pair of spectacles	1.00
for beef	6.05
for pickles	1.15
Amount carried forward	$588.60

Amount brought forward	$588.60
Received for keeping one man one night	.50
for boarding Mrs. Leland	5.00
for calves	64.25
for butter	.92
for potatoes	3.95
for peas	12.11
for one stove	3.00
for ashes	2.60
for work on roads	961.10
for corn	.80
for beets	2.80
for tomatoes	.60
for turnips	.15
for straw for beds	1.25
for one cow	33.00
for pork	43.01
for indigent soldiers	212.00
for sundries	7.20
	$1942.84

PAYMENTS.

Paid for grain	415.23
for blacksmith's work	71.76
for grinding corn	5.40
for repairing pump	.20
for matches	.55
for one axe	.85
for medicine	9.44
for shorts	4.30
for butter	3.73
for soap	9.10
for thread	1.00
for clothes line	.75
for curry comb	.35
for sleigh bells	1.40
for crackers	14.72
for lumber	30.10
for dry goods	4.83
for strainer	.50
for cattle cards	.16
for use of cart	2.75
for bolts for sled	2.08
for fish	2.88
for labor	463.68
Amount carried forward	$1,045.76

Amount brought forward	$1,045.76
Paid for repairing harness	8.83
for curtains	.70
for making cider	17.93
for apples	1.00
for tin and glassware	4.00
for three horse collars	8.00
for turkeys	3.00
for one horse	16.00
for sowing onion seed	.75
for one calf	1.75
for scythe and stone	1.00
for window screens	5.00
for express	2.00
for sponge	.15
for repairing mowing machine	1.25
for straw	.40
for paper	.37
for two apple dryers	1.00
for harness oil	1.45
for halters	1.60
for two bedsteads	2.80
for sage	.60
for plough	3.15
for making sled	4.00
for use of bull	4.50
for mending boots	.80
for mending stove	1.25
for chairs	.60
for three horses and two harnesses	515.00
for two carts	45.00
for doctoring horses	5.00
for pasturing horse	8.00
for wheelwright work	22.90
for one sled	25.00
for hay	192.45
for groceries	464.70
J. B. Heald, M. D., for medical attendance	11.50
H. D. Pierce, for balance of salary due April 1st, 1880,	300.00
John P. Green	17.00
for harness and work	11.53
for two turkeys	3.75
for labor	7.34
Day & Read, for making cider	15.35
for meat	68.49
	$2,852.65
Amount carried forward	$2,852.65

Amount brought forward		$2,852.65
Deduct proceeds sold from the farm	1,942.84	
The expense of keeping one hundred and eighty-four tramps	46.00	
Gain on personal property	665.56	
Due for board of Nellie McCaffrey	62.50	
Labor off the farm unpaid	108.11	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	2.40	
		$2,827.41
Leaves as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Almshouse		25.24

COST OF SUPPORTING POOR

Outside of the Almshouse.

Paid E. C. Atwood, M. D., for medical attendance on C. J. Searles	$ 43.00
E. C. Atwood, M. D., for medical attendance on Simon Nutting	80.25
City of Boston, for aid rendered Catherine Callahan, in 1879	2.00
for the relief of Mary Howe	83.40
Expense of carrying Nellie McCaffrey to State Almshouse	4.00
for wood for J. Moran	2.50
for the relief of Charlotte Bishop	4.13
Lunatic Asylum, at Worcester, for A. Woodward, R. Keyes and T. W. Dupee	551.46
for the relief of Mrs. W. O. Wright	34.46
for the relief of C. H. Spaulding	104.00
for postage stamps and stationery	4.00
for the relief of Jacob Reed's family	232.15
Alvan Fisher, for services as Overseer of Poor	10.00
for time spent in buying horses for the Almshouse	5.00
David Reed, for services as Overseer of Poor	10.00
for time spent in buying horses for the Almshouse	5.00
for the relief of Simpson family	10.00
Edward Prescott, for services as Overseer	10.00
for making out report to town	5.00
for making out report to Board of State Charities	2.50
for the relief of Jane A. L. Patch	2.00
for time spent in going to see about Jacob Reed's family	2.00
Amount carried forward	$1,206.85

Amount brought forward		$1,206.85
Received from the town of Townsend	$ 43.00	
" " " Bedford	22.13	
" " " Ayer	80.25	
Due from the town of Bridgewater	96.16	
" " State	232.15	
		$473.69
Expense of poor outside of Almshouse		$733.16

STATEMENT

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer		$1,680.66
Cash paid by the Overseers		293.02
Received from Townsend, Bedford and Ayer		145.38
		$2,119.06
Due from the town of Bridgewater	$ 96.16	
" " " State	232.15	
Gain on personal property	665.56	
Labor off the farm unpaid	108.11	
For board	62.50	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	2.40	
		$1,166.88
Cost of Supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm		$952.18
Number receiving two meals and lodging		184
" supported in the Almshouse		9
Average number		$51\frac{9}{26}$
Number aided out of the Almshouse		20

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ALVAN FISHER,
DAVID REED,
Overseers of the Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LOWELL, MASS., February 19, 1881.

GENTLEMEN — I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor including the accounts kept by the Master of the almshouse, for the year 1880–'81, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

I would further state that I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor for the year 1879–'80, and find them correctly cast. The error in the printed report for this year (1879–'80) of $100 in the footings of the payments, is simply a clerical one, and does not exist on the books. I proved the accounts in a thorough manner and found them to have been systematically and honestly kept in every particular.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN S. D'EVELYN,

Auditor.

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY,

At the Almshouse in Westford, 1881.

4 horses	$600 00
Harnesses	165 00
Horse blankets	6 00
1 buffalo robe	3 00
Curry comb and brush	1 75
11 cows	330 00
1 bull	10 00
3 tons English hay	60 00
18 tons stock hay	217 00
1½ tons cow fodder	6 00
250 lbs. meal	3 13
9 hay forks	2 00
15 meal boxes	5 00
1 windmill	4 00
1 corn sheller	4 00
25 bushels corn	17 00
2½ bushels rye	2 50
1 hay cutter	1 00
2 mowing machines	45 00
2 flails	50
20 flour barrels	4 00
8 meal bags	1 60
5 sacks	50
1 drag rake	50
9 tie chains	1 80
1 feed basket	3 40
3 ox yokes	3 00
5 iron bars	5 00
6 ploughs	23 00
2 cultivators	5 00
4 shovels	2 00
8 spades	6 00
3 manure forks	3 75
2 manure hooks	1 50
3 picks	2 25
1 ditching knife	50
3 bog hoes	3 00
Shafts and axle	2 00
2 water tubs	1 50
5 ladders and hooks	8 00
4 ox carts	140 00
1 farm wagon	70 00
1 hay wagon	15 00
23 fowls	19 50
8 turkeys	8 00
Amount carried forward,	$1813 68

Amount brought forward,	$1813 68
1 horse wagon	40 00
1 ox sled	1 00
1 rope	50
Neck yoke and eveners	9 00
Carpenters' tools	20 00
1 horse sled	14 00
1 large 4-horse sled	38 00
4 swine	32 00
8 chains	6 00
1 cow bell	50
1 horse rake	29 00
Scythe and snath	4 00
1 grindstone	4 50
1 sleigh	6 00
1 wheelbarrow	1 00
1 copper kettle	2 00
5 wood saws	5 00
4 saw horses	2 00
6 garden rakes	3 00
7 baskets	2 00
4 hoes	2 00
3 bushels of beans	6 00
3 harrows	12 00
1 string bells	1 15
75 lbs. beef	3 75
300 lbs. salt pork	30 00
75 lbs. ham	8 00
1 washing machine	4 00
Meal chest and meal	2 00
10 gals. soap and cask	2 50
6 lbs. hard soap	60
11 gals. pickles	4 00
Beetle and wedges	2 00
1 butter-worker	50
Wrenches and hammers	2 00
33 chairs	6 60
1 caster	1 00
80 lbs. lard	10 00
80 bushels potatoes	48 00
3½ bushels onions	4 50
10 bushels roots	5 00
2 fly traps	1 50
60 lbs. pop corn	1 80
Amount carried forward,	$2192 08

Amount brought forward,	$2192 08
2 apple parers	1 50
75 lbs. cheese	12 00
6 lbs. butter	1 80
1 gallon measure	50
40 gallons vinegar	5 00
22 casks	11 00
5 barrels of apples	5 00
660 gallons of cider	56 00
1 gallon of molasses	60
15 dozen candles	2 50
Oil and can	1 75
3 wash tubs	2 00
1 coal stove	8 00
3 air tight stoves	12 00
1 clothes wringer	6 00
1 butter worker	1 00
1 churn	2 50
11 butter tubs	50
Candle moulds	1 50
2 cranberry rakes	3 00
30 pounds of sugar	3 00
3 bushels salt	1 80
1 garden weeder	60
1 clothes line	1 00
1 chopping knife and tray	75
1 porcelain kettle	1 25
3 pairs steelyards	3 50
2 earthen pots	75
Bedsteads, beds and bedding	260 00
5 rocking chairs	5 00
1 cabinet chair	2 00
11 table cloths and towels	7 00
2 clocks	2 00
8 tables	15 00
6 window curtains	2 25
1 cradle	1 00
Amount carried forward,	$2633 13

Amount brought forward,	$2633 13
5 shawls	5 00
3 looking glasses	1 00
1 Franklin stove	1 00
24 milk pans	6 00
3 wash basins	75
Tin ware	11 00
2 water pots	1 50
Stove blacking and brush	10
1 pound tea	45
½ ton of coal	3 50
25 cords woods	75 00
4 brooms	1 00
Boxes and spices	75
1 sieve	50
3 jugs	75
Lamps and lanterns	3 50
Knives, forks and spoons	3 50
Crockery	10 00
Shovel and tongs	1 00
5 candlesticks	75
10 chests	5 00
Clothes' dryer	1 00
Tumblers	2 00
1 case drawers and contents	2 50
7 flat irons	2 50
1 rifle	3 00
Hand-cuffs	2 00
Bed-pan	1 50
Injection pipe	6 00
Dinner bell	75
Mop handle and wringer	1 00
2 sickles	50
Rubber blankets	50
2 pairs eye-glasses	2 00
1 cook stove	35 00
150 pounds dried apples	14 00
Total	$2839 43

THADDEUS BLODGET,
A. W. CUMMINGS,

Appraisers of Property.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their Twenty-Sixth Annual Report, for the year ending February 11, 1881:

Number of books purchased	165
Public documents received from the State	6
" " " " " United States	20
Unitarian Monthly Review, presented by the American Unitarian Association	12
Other books presented	1
Whole number of books added during the year	204
Books withdrawn from circulation on account of being worn out	41
Number of issues of books	6285
Whole number of books in the Library	3853
Number added since the publication of the last supplement	920

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Unexpended balance from last year's appropriation	$ 5.13
Annual appropriation for new books, 1880–'81	100.00
Dog tax appropriated	141.59
Fines	5.45
	$252.17

Payments.

March 25, 2nd Vol. History of Middlesex County	7.50
May 17, Willard Small, bill of books	41.63
June 15, " " " " "	7.27
July 13, Lee & Shepard, bill of books	90.81
July 30, " " " " " "	40.51
Nov. 1, " " " " " "	6.49
Amount carried forward	$194.21

Amount brought forward	$194.21
Paid Bacheller, Dumas & Co., for binding books in 1879–'80	23.75
Paid Bacheller, Dumas & Co., for binding books in 1880–'81	26.20
Paid for pair of steps for library use	1.00
Total	245.16
Balance of cash in the hands of the Directors	7.01
	$252.17

The number of issues of books is not so large this year as last. This may be readily accounted for from the fact that for about six weeks of the time, in which the Town House was being repaired, the Directors were obliged to remove the books and close the Library.

This gave an opportunity to remodel the shelves, which under the old arrangement had become so crowded as not to afford room for all the books belonging to the Library. By this change, made at small expense in comparison with the good accomplished, sufficient room has been secured for all books that will be added for several years.

It is now ten years since the books have been catalogued, although two small supplements have since been printed—the last four years ago. There are now nine hundred and twenty books which appear neither in the catalogue nor supplements, and these being the latest books added are in by far the most demand. This is a cause of much complaint among those who take out books, and in consequence we consider the circulation of the Library is considerably decreased. We recommend, therefore, one hundred and seventy-five dollars to be raised and appropriated for making and printing a new catalogue to supply this demand.

The usual wear of the Library causes an annual expense for binding which your directors regret the more as the sum available for the purchase of new books is by so much diminished. Until this year the expense of binding has been included in the town's printing bill, but your Selectmen have decided that they have not the proper authority to continue this expenditure. The amount available for the purchase of new books has been seriously diminished this year from this cause.

We recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the purchase of books the coming year.

ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ELIZA A. BABBITT,
ABIEL J. ABBOT,
Directors of Public Library.

LIST OF JURORS, 1881.

The following names will be reported at the Annual March meeting, to be placed in the jury-box, subject to revision by the town:

Edward Prescott,
Cyrus Hamlin,
Wm. H. H. Burbeck,
Samuel G. Humiston,
Wm. L. Kittredge,
Albert P. Richardson,
Isaac P. Woods,
Albert S. Reed,
William C. Edwards,
Hezekiah Cummings,
Alvin G. Polley,
Gilman J. Wright,
Noah Prescott,
Wayland F. Balch,
Joseph F. Prescott,
John Wilson,
Edward C. Coolidge,
Amos Leighton,
Frank L. Fletcher.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1881.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To Wesley O. Hawks, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford, in said County, GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the seventh day of March, being the first Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock, A. M. (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock, A. M., and closed at 1 o'clock, P. M.), to act upon the following articles, to wit:—

1—To choose a Moderator.

2—To hear Report of Selectmen and act in relation to the same.

3—To hear Report of Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer and act in relation to the same.

4—To hear Report of Overseers of Poor and act in relation to the same.

5—To hear Report of School Committee and act in relation to the same.

6—To hear Report of Directors of Town Library and act in relation to the same.

7—To hear Report of Selectmen on Guide Boards and act in relation to the same.

8—To hear Report of Auditor of the accounts of the Overseers of Poor and act in relation to the same.

9—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, Six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at Poor Farm, three Directors of Town Library, all on one ballot.

10—To raise money to defray Town Debts and Charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

11—To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.

12—To choose a Collector of Taxes.

13—To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

14—To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.

15—To raise money to repair Roads and Bridges, and direct by whom and in what manner the same shall be expended.

16—To choose all other Town Officers, necessary to be chosen, by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.

17—To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Overseers of the Poor to cause pipes to be laid to carry water to Town Farm buildings, or act in relation to the same.

18—To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold Town Offices and to vote in Town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

19—To see if the Town will vote to pay the expenses of the stone steps at Town House, or act in relation to the same.

20—To see if the Town will vote to prohibit non-residents from taking or killing any kind of game within the limits of the Town, or act in relation to the same.

21—To see if the Town will choose a Committee to audit the Reports of the Overseers of the Poor from 1863 to the year 1879, or act in relation to the same.

22—To see if the Town will vote to change the time of holding its Annual Meeting from the first Monday in March to the first Monday in April, or act in relation to the same.

23—To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to take such steps as are necessary to secure a flagman at the Stony Brook Railroad crossing at Westford depot, or act in relation to the same.

24—To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the taking of fish with a spear in any of the waters within the limits of the Town, or act in relation to the same.

25—To see if the Town will vote to widen and straighten the Sarah Cummings Hill Road, so-called, or act in relation to the same.

26—To see if the Town will vote that the School year hereafter shall close annually with the 1st of January in each year.

27—To see if the Town will vote to accept the Legacy with the conditions upon which it was bequeathed to the Town, by will of the late Mrs. Sally B. Burrill, or act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

RE-DEDICATION OF WESTFORD TOWN HALL.

The Town Hall having been repaired and improved was dedicated December 9, 1880. Exercises were held in the afternoon, consisting of addresses by Gov. Long and others and music by the Dunstable Cornet Band. A promenade concert and dance was held in the evening. The afternoon exercises were free to all. The amount of money received from the concert and dance after paying expenses was $72.00, which has been expended as follows: for one chandelier for the stage, one chandelier for lower entrance hall, and for twenty single and double bracket lamps, also one large lantern for outside of building, at a cost of $66.50, leaving $5.50 in the hands of the Committee.

G. T. DAY,

For the Committee.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

INCLUDING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TOWN CLERK, TOWN TREASURER, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1882.

ALSO,

TOWN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING, TO BE HELD MARCH 6, 1882.

LOWELL, MASS.:
STONE, BACHELLER & LIVINGSTON, PRINTERS, 18 JACKSON STREET.
1882.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD.

1881.

TOWN CLERK,

EDWIN R. HODGMAN.

SELECTMEN,

GEORGE T. DAY, ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

ASSESSORS,

ASAPH B. CUTTER, HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
CHARLES H. FLETCHER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ALVAN FISHER,
DAVID REED.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. Henry Read, J. Murray Chamberlin,
Edwin R. Hodgman, Moses Edwards,
Olive Ann Prescott, Hezekiah Cummings.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

ISAAC E. DAY.

CONSTABLES,

John Lanktree, William C. Edwards,
Joseph Wall, Wesley O. Hawks,
Samuel A. Hamblin, John Logue,
Isaac E. Day.

FENCE VIEWERS,

William Kittredge, George Hutchins,
Alvin G. Polley.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM,

Artemas W. Cummings, Thaddeus A. Blodgett,
John M. Fletcher.

LIBRARIAN,

CLARA M. WILEY.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

Abiel J. Abbot, Eliza A. Babbitt,
Arthur Wright.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.,

John B. Fletcher, Jacob Smith,
Arthur Wright, George W. Heywood,
Abiel J. Abbot, Samuel A. Hamblin,
W. H. H. Burbeck, William C. Edwards,
Sherman H. Fletcher, John W. Day,
John M. Fletcher, John E. T. Hazen,
Nahum H. Wright, Charles E. Whidden,
Edward A. Hamblin, Arthur C. Whidden,
John A. Healey.

JANITOR OF THE TOWN HOUSE,

TRUE A. BEAN.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

Ephraim A. Stevens,
Thomas Drew,
George H. Prescott,
Jacob Smith,
Charles L. Fletcher,
Gilmer Stone,
Wesley O. Hawks,
Charles E. Whidden,
Frank O. Decatur,
Gardner A. Perham,
Albert S. Read,
William C. Edwards.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

FIELD DRIVERS,

Abiel J. Abbot,
Daniel W. Parker,
Jason E. Peebles,
Isaac W. Green,
Allen Fiske,
Jacob Smith,
John C. Murphy,
Joseph B. Heald,
Charles W. Blood,
Benjamin F. Nutting,
William M. Whitney,
Wayland F. Balch,
Clarence A. Webster,
Joseph H. Wilson.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES,

ALLEN R. PERHAM.

MARRIAGES,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1881.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Mar. 4	George Edward Mountain.	24	Westford.	Canada.
	Alice Couture	23	Westford.	Canada.
Mar. 8	Samuel Boothroyd.....	31	Westford.	England.
	Fanny Gandy.....	25	Westford.	England.
April 16	John William Hughes.....	21	Westford.	England.
	Sarah Ellen Calvert.....	21	Westford.	England.
April 24	Frank C. Wright.....	20	Westford.	Westford.
	Aurilla M. Decatur.....	19	Westford.	Westford.
June 11	Phinehas P. Trowbridge...	58	Westford.	Westford.
	Eliza S. Trowbridge.....	57	Lowell.	Ashburnham.
June 22	David Reed.....	57	Westford.	Acton.
	Harriet Rebecca Hayden	29	Groton.	Groton.
June 22	Frank Calvert.....	55	Lowell.	Scotland.
	Mary Elizabeth Flint....	44	Westford.	Boston.
June 30	Stephen Henry Castell.....	25	Lynn.	Lynn.
	Harriet Ann Bailey	22	Westford.	Westford.
July 26	John Feeny.....	27	Westford.	Ireland.
	Jennette Carmichael	21	Westford.	Maynard.
Aug. 6	Julian Whitney.....	28	Westford.	Westford.
	Sarah Gray.....	21	Lowell.	N. Brunswick.
Aug. 31	Thomas Edward Symmes..	37	Westford.	Westford.
	Nancy Almira Hale	23	Dunstable.	Nashua, N. H.
Sept. 10	Alvarado Shaw.....	36	Lowell.	Lowell.
	Ruth Richardson.....	27	Lowell.	England.
Sept. 15	Abbot L. Kebler.....	24	Cincinnati, O.	Cincinnati, O.
	Catharine Mabel Abbot.	20	Westford.	Westford.
Sept. 17	Herbert Busby.....	29	Westford.	England.
	Elizabeth Ann Wood....	27	Westford.	England.
Sept. 20	Perley Ackland Carkin....	19	Westford.	Chelmsford.
	Augusta Alexander.....	21	Richmond, Me	Richmond, Me
Oct. 26	Henry Ward Church	31	Westford.	Spencerp't, N.Y.
	Carrie Emeline Smyth ..	26	Westford.	Lowell, Wis.
Nov. 2	Nath'l Abraham Taylor...	44	Carlisle.	Carlisle.
	Ellen Frances Davis.....	36	Westford.	Westford.
Nov. 3	Charles Henry Miner.....	25	Westford.	Littleton.
	Clara Mabel Hildreth....	21	Westford.	Westford.
Nov. 21	John F. Callahan	23	Westford.	Lowell.
	Annie Bradley.....	19	Lowell.	Lowell.
Nov. 30	Alfred Woods	34	Westford.	St. Johns, Newf.
	Julia Ann Wheeler.....	24	Boston.	Bowd'nham, Me
Dec. 1	Joseph Smith.....	54	Pawt'ket, R.I.	England.
	Mary J. Berry.....	32	Pawt'ket, R.I.	Attleborough.
Dec. 7	John Barnet Carmichael ..	21	Westford.	Maynard.
	Annie Laurie Follansbee	21	Westford.	Westford.
Dec. 16	Charles Rhodes.....	26	Maynard.	England.
	Carrie May Gilson.....	20	Westford.	Chelmsford.

Marriages recorded, ... 23
Marriages between natives, ... 12
Marriages between foreigners, ... 4
Marriages between native and foreign, ... 7

BIRTHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1881.

DATES.	NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 8....	Jennie Elizabeth Palmer.....	Lewis P. and Jennie B. (Floyd) Palmer.
" 11....	Annie May Davie.....	John and Jennette (McArthur) Davie.
" 15....	Napoleon Levasseur.....	Napoleon and Eugenie (Bergeron) Levasseur.
" 25....	George Henry Rowley.....	Charles Henry and Martha C. (Brown) Rowley.
" 30 ...	Fannie Elizabeth Hutchins. .	John Jr. and Sarah E. (Nickles) Hutchins.
Feb. 4....	Thomas Henry Lackin.....	John and Mary (Gannon) Lackin.
" 10 ..	Georgianna Clements.....	John and Mary (Peabody) Clements.
" 16....	Helen Amanda Clark.....	Paul F. S. and Amy (Tower) Clark.
" 25....	Harriet Craven Sargent.....	Frederic G. and Hepsibah (Craven) Sargent.
Mar. 16....	———— Tucker.....	Ralph and Angelle (———) Tucker.
" 25....	Joseph Lamott.....	Levi and Rosa (Buford) Lamott.
April 2....	Frank Reginald McLenna ...	Alvin A. and Lillian P. (Spalding) McLenna.
" 6....	———— Sullivan.....	Timothy and Ellen (Mahoney) Sullivan.
" 10....	Daisy Blanche Blood.....	Charles W. and Flora B. (Eaton) Blood.
" 12....	Frank Trull.....	Alpheus N. and Jennie (Slater) Trull.
" 20....	Joseph Ernest Gibson.....	John and Selina (Perron) Gibson.
May 6....	Willard Nathaniel Millis.....	George F. and Mary B. (Whitney) Millis.
" 10....	Mary Ella Riley.....	Walker and Hannah (Pollard) Riley.
" 30 ...	Chester Earl Reed.....	Bird C. and Stella A. (Perry) Reed.
" 31....	———— Craven.....	Joseph and Mary M. (———) Craven.
June 9....	Clara Robinson	Frederic and Lydia (Rhodes) Robinson.
" 11....	William Handley	Daniel and Catherine (Mahoney) Handley.
" 11....	Arthur Abbot Decatur.....	William H. and Susan (Donahue) Decatur.
" 13 ...	Ethel Howard Woodbury.....	Alfred and Emma (Snow) Woodbury.
" 20....	Luanna Battles Decatur.....	Clarence R. P. and Addie (Roberts) Decatur.
" 23....	Ella May Shattuck.....	David H. and Ada F. (Stanley) Shattuck.
" 26....	William James Donnelly.....	Michael and Ellen (McGlinchy) Donnelly.
" 30....	Frederic Eugene Reed.....	David and Harriet R. (Hayden) Reed.
July 29....	Lizzie Constantineau.	Nelson and Mary (Raymond) Constantineau.
" 29....	Albert Edson Walkden.....	James A. and Lydia (Kelly) Walkden.
Aug. 1....	Agnes Malvina Alloe.....	Henry and Mary (Plaguin) Alloe.
" 2...	———— Paul	Joseph and Eliza (———) Paul.
" 2....	———— Paul	Joseph and Eliza (———) Paul.
" 3....	Mabel Annie Julia Moran....	David and Julia F. (Murphy) Moran.
" 24....	Anna Elizabeth Larkin.....	Corn Neal and Bridget D. (Bradley) Larkin.
" 25....	Marcella Kiernan.....	Patrick F. and Mary Ann (Ward) Kiernan.
Sept. 1....	Jane Matilda Bicknell.....	Loammi C. and Jenny (Pacey) Bicknell.
" 21....	Flora May Wright	Willie M. and Addie S. (Hosmer) Wright.
" 22....	————Taylor.....	John and Ellen (———) Taylor.
Oct. 2....	Mabel Chase Brown...	Henry L. and Martha G. (———) Brown.
" 2....	Mildred Eells Brown.....	Henry L. and Martha G. (———) Brown.
" 2....	Emma Frances Castell.....	Stephen Henry and Harriet A. (Bailey) Castell.
" 24....	———— Dufort	Solomon and Philamen (Mariseau) Dufort.
" 24....	Clarence Henry Gerry.....	George W. and Emily J. (Burgess) Gerry.
Dec. 2....	Abraham Kempfield	Abraham and Mary (Murphy) Kempfield.
" 12....	Charles Alfred Blodgett.....	Josiah W. and Lomie S. (Blanchard) Blodgett.
" 18....	Clarence Horne.....	George F. and Abby J. (Cummings) Horne.
" 25....	———— Sweatt.....	Oscar H. and Permelia V. (Kempton) Sweatt.
" 27....	Albert Whittemore Heywood.	George W. and Mary E. (Mellen) Heywood.
" 29....	————Stiles.....	William W. and Katie (McCartee) Stiles.
" 29....	Albert Mial Harris.....	Charles A. and Sarah (Turnbull) Harris.
" 29....	Annie Turnbull Harris.....	Charles A. and Sarah (Turnbull) Harris.

Births recorded, ...	52
Males, ...	26
Females, ...	26
Native parentage, ...	26
Foreign parentage, ...	17
Native and foreign, ...	9

DEATHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1881.

DATES.	NAMES.	AGE. YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
January 4	Lemuel C. Horton	49	4	25
" 7	George Tyler	37	—	—
" 19	John P. Blodgett	73	3	8
" 20	Mary F. Richardson	78	7	—
" 22	Jacob Blodgett	80	—	23
" 28	Roxanna Lawrence	68	3	—
" 30	George A. Wright	3	6	28
February 2	Drusilla Read	61	—	—
" 7	Lydia P. Harwood	91	1	8
" 8	Albert W. Frederick	59	4	—
" 9	George A. Coburn	2	—	5
" 13	Georgianna Clements	—	—	4
" 26	Nancy Abbot Hill	76	9	—
March 2	Lester P. Collins	1	—	25
" 3	Helen Amanda Clark	—	—	12
" 12	Nancy E. Metcalf	59	3	29
" 12	George F. Clark	Still born		—
" 15	Ellen E. Collins	39	9	22
" 15	Betsey Read	77	4	19
" 18	Patrick Curry, Jr.	22	—	—
" 19	Bridget Carroll	70	—	—
April 1	Harriet M. Falls	35	10	16
" 2	Annie Towle	87	11	1
" 6	Infant child of Timothy Sullivan	—	—	—
" 9	Catherine Lynch	80	—	—
" 29	Charles Homer Cummings			
May 14	Jane Wayne	36	10	—
" 15	Betsey K. Groce	86	11	23
" 15	Susan E. Whitney	74	—	—
" 16	Sally Chandler	94	4	16
" 20	Jessie Gardner	20	7	27
June 1	Lucy Adelaide Fletcher	39	1	6
" 10	William Prinn	31	8	14
" 14	Almira Leighton	80	6	—
" 16	Infant child of John Loftus	Still born		
" 21	Abbie P. Hodgman	52	3	16
" 23	Parmelia Kendall	97	1	10
" 26	Rachel D. Reed	80	8	6
July 16	James D. Flynn	3	10	28
" 24	Caroline Regally	79	—	—
August 13	Arabella R. Prescott	33	5	—
" 24	Anna Elizabeth Larkin	—	—	28
Septem'r 7	Rufus Patten	79	—	—
" 7	George Briggs Dupee	60	8	20
" 25	Adeline Canney	42	—	—
October 5	Michael Shearin	78	—	—
" 18	John Davie	37	10	—
" 24	Infant child of Solomon Dufort	—	—	—
" 28	Orville Richardson	81	5	15
Novem'r 22	Abiah M. Wright	89	8	—
" 24	Ellen M. Sullivan	28	—	—
" 26	Infant child of Frederic Seiffer	Still born		
Decem'r 16	Sybil Elizabeth Coburn	65	2	13
" 31	William Laws.	93	2	11

Whole number recorded, ... 54
Number who died in Westford, ... 41
Number brought to Westford for burial, ... 13

	Male.	Fem.		Male.	Fem.
Under one year,	4	5	Between 40 and 50 years,	1	1
Between 1 and 5 years,	4	0	" 50 " 60 "	1	2
" 5 " 10 "	0	0	" 60 " 70 "	1	4
" 10 " 20 "	0	0	" 70 " 80 "	3	6
" 20 " 30 "	1	2	" 80 " 90 "	2	5
" 30 " 40 "	3	5	" 90 " 100 "	1	3

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., December 31, 1881.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said County of Middlesex One Hundred Seventy-eight $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars for Dog-Licenses for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, as per his account on file.—$178.80.

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1881.

Abbot, Abiel J.
Abbot, John W.
Abbot Worsted Co.
Alexander, George
Banister, Frank W.
Bean, True A.
Blaisdell, Alvin J.
Blodgett, Josiah W.
Blodgett, Wilford G.
Burke, Dennis
Burnham, Charles F.
Butterfield, Lucien O.
Carkin, Charles H.
Carkin, Isaac W.
Chamberlin, Henry
Comey, William S.
Conley, Kate
Curren William
Day, George T.
Day, Isaac E.
Decatur, Clarence R. P.
Decatur, Frank O.
Decatur, John H.
Desmond, Fanny
Donahue, Florence
Downs, Matthew F. (3)
Drew, Frank
Drew, Thomas
Elliot, George H.
Evans, Miner H. A.
Fletcher, Andrew
Fletcher, Benjamin M.
Fletcher, Samuel
Fletcher, Sherman D.
Flynn, John
Ford, Moses B.
Foley, Mary
Frederick, George S.
Gardner, Robert
Gerry, George W.
Gilson, James H.
Greig, John
Hamlin, Cyrus
Hamblin, Samuel A.
Holdsworth, Daniel
Hurd, Phendeus H.
Hutchins, George
Hutchins, John, Jr.
Ireland, George H.
Keecy, Joseph
Leighton, Amos
Lewis, Frederic H.
Martin, Frederic
Martin, John
McElligott, Patrick
McGlinchy, James
Nesmith, George W.
Norrie, John
O'Brien, Cornelius
O'Brien, James
Perham, Gardner A.
Prescott, Nathan,
Reed, Charles W. (2)
Reed, William, 1st
Reed, William, 2d
Sargent, Allan C.
Sherman, Daniel W.
Shugrue, Patrick
Smith, Mary A.
Stephens, Rheinhold
Stiles, William W.
Sullivan, Florence
Sweetser, Nathaniel
Tower, Eli
Trull, Alpheus N.
Vose, William M.
Wilson, Joseph H.
Whitney, Hiram
Whitney, Julian
Whitney, Sidney D.
Whitney, William M.
Worcester, Israel S.
Wright, Arthur
Wright, Edward E.
Wright, Josiah O. (2)
Wright, Walter C.

Whole number,	91
Males,	86
Females,	5

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 11, 1882.

The Committee appointed by the Selectmen to examine and audit the accounts of Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:—

The Treasurer has received from all sources, including balance in his hands at the last settlement, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash in treasury at last settlement,	$2,353.57
Cash borrowed	5,000.00
From State—balance corporation tax, 1880, in full	2.65
" " " national bank tax, 1880	31.03
" " national bank tax, 1881, in full	751.02
" " corporation tax, 1881, in part	1,266.91
" " aid to soldiers' families, 1880, in full	394.50
" " aid to indigent soldiers, 1880	207.00
" " school fund, 1880–81	186.82
" " rent of armory, 1881	175.00
" County Treasurer—dog tax, 1880	165.29
" Joseph Marshall, license	50.00
" J. W. Sprague "	100.00
" M. F. Downs "	100.00
" B. F. Nutting, "	10.00
" T. A. Bean, janitor town house	33.00
" town of Chelmsford, scholars sent to No. 7	8.00
" " Groton, " " " " 3	35.00
" Dawson Pollard, " " " " 7	7.75
" Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license	2.00
" Reuben J. Butterfield, auctioneer's license	2.00
" S. M. Hutchins, grass at east cemetery	2.00
" J. H. Wilson, wood " " "	1.00
" George F. Millis, apples from school land No. 1	5.00
" County Treas'r, interest on advance pay county tax	3.11
Amount carried forward	$ 10,892.65

Amount brought forward			$. 10,892.65
From John Lanktree, collector,	1878	in full	81.17
" " " "	1879	"	230.96
" " " "	1880		2,229.00
" " " "	1879–80,	int. on taxes	60.00
" Isaac E. Day, "	1881	before October 6	9,924.19
" " " "	1881	" December 6.	1,488.72
" " " "	1881	after " 5.	1,051.23
			$25,957.92

The Treasurer has made payments, for which proper vouchers have been exhibited, as follows:

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest	$8,252.73	
Interest on other notes	690.00	
State tax, 1881	930.00	
County tax, 1881	467.33	
State Treasurer, 25% on licenses	62.50	
Overseer of Poor, by orders	2,147.94	
Orders for incidental and other expenses	6,004.02	
On account of schools	3,360.58	
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer	4,042.82	
		$25,957.92

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes held by Worcester Co. Institution for Savings	$12,000.00
Accrued interest on above notes	114.00
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended	1,056.16
	$13,170.16

RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1881	$ 404.00	
" " " aid to indigent soldiers, 1881	204.50	
" " " bal. corporation tax, 1881	51.13	
" " John Lanktree, collector, 1880	68.02	
" " Isaac E. Day, collector, 1881,	2,034.63	
Balance cash in treasury	4,042.82	
		$6,805.10
Net indebtedness of town, February 11, 1882		$ 6,365.06
" " " " " 10, 1881		10,870.78
Decrease of liabilities		$4,505.72

JOSEPH B. HEALD,
NOAH PRESCOTT,
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of real estate, May 1, 1881		$840,350.00
" " personal estate, May 1, 1881		218,270.00
Tax on one hundred dollars		1.33
Number of polls	525	
" " dwelling houses	425	
" " horses	333	
" " cows	632	
" " sheep	9	

Amount raised to defray town debts and charges	$13,325.00
" " for schools	3,000.00
" " for highways	2,000.00
" " for new catalogue of town library	175.00
" " for purchase of books	150.00
State tax	930.00
County tax	467.33
Overlayings	344.80

ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
CHARLES H. FLETCHER,
Assessors of Westford.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending March 1, 1881	$50.00	
April, 1880: Time and expense at Lowell procuring insurance on town house while undergoing repairs	1.50	
May: Time and expense at Lowell insuring library	1.50	
June: Time and expense at Lowell insuring school houses and paying Parker notes	1.50	
July: Time and expense obtaining consent of insurance agents to remove library from town house	1.50	
August: Time and expense obtaining consent of insurance agents to restore library to town house	1.50	
October: Time and expense to Lowell, insuring school house No. 9	1.50	
November: Time and expense to Ayer collecting fine from clerk of District Court, for non-attendance of scholars at school No. 3	1.50	
January, 1881: Time and expense examining corporation and bank tax for 1880, at the State House	3.50	
February: Entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with treasurer	3.50	
		$67.50

TOWN CLERK.

Feb.: E. R. Hodgman, salary as town clerk	$12.00	
Postage and express	4.67	
Going to Groton to count votes	3.00	
Copying for town report	1.50	
Recording fifty-five births	27.50	
" fifty-four deaths	8.10	
" twenty-three marriages	3.45	
		60.22

SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary	$5.00	
Making out monthly state aid returns under chapters 252 and 301, Acts 1879	8.00	
Making out monthly state aid book	3.00	
Making out dog warrant	1.00	
" " register of voters	2.00	
" " town report	5.00	
" " fire insurance report	1.00	
" " quarterly returns to State board of health	1.50	
One day's time spent in perambulating town lines	2.00	
Time spent in looking after repairs on roads	20.00	
Extra time as selectman	20.00	
Car fare while attending to town business	4.00	
		72.50
Albert P. Richardson, salary	$5.00	
Perambulating town lines	2.00	
Time looking after repairs on roads	20.00	
Extra time as selectman	15.00	
		42.00
Arthur Wright, salary	$5.00	
Extra time as selectman	8.00	
Time spent in looking after repairs on roads	8.00	
		21.00

ASSESSORS.

Henry Chamberlin, twenty-six days' work taking invoice and assessing tax	$65.00	
Asaph B. Cutter, twenty and one-half days' work taking invoice, assessing tax, etc.	51.25	
Charles H. Fletcher, twenty-four days' work taking invoice, assessing tax and copying valuation book	60.00	
		176.25

TAX COLLECTOR.

John Lanktree, collecting taxes after February 5, 1881	8.10	
Isaac E. Day, collecting $13,032.50 at 9 mills	117.29	
Collecting dog tax	10.00	
		$135.39

CONSTABLES.

Paid Wesley O. Hawks for posting warrants	4.00	
" Isaac E. Day " " "	4.00	
		$8.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edwin R. Hodgman, care of schools for term ending March 11, 1881	50.00	
Making annual report	10.00	
" school returns	1.50	
Services as secretary of the board	1.00	
Express and postage	.83	
Examining teachers	1.00	
Care of schools for term ending June 24, 1881	50.00	
Care of schools for term ending November 11, 1881	50.00	
Examining teachers	2.00	
		$166.33

PAID OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AS FOLLOWS:

March, by order	750.00	
April, " "	148.28	
May, " "	197.91	
July, " "	140.45	
Sept. " "	215.00	
Oct. " "	128.14	
Nov. " "	368.16	
Feb. " "	200.00	
		$2,147.94

EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY,

INCLUDING SERVICES OF LIBRARIAN.

T. A. Bean, services as librarian for February	$4.00	
" " " " March	4.00	
May: Paid directors	146.20	
T. A. Bean, collecting books, 1½ days	2.00	
Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for April and May	9.16	
July: Paid directors	47.50	
Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for June and July	9.16	
Clara M. Wiley, for library cards and express	.95	
" " for services as librarian for August and September	9.16	
H. C. Church, for paper for covering books	2.42	
Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for October and November	9.16	
Stone, Bacheller & Livingston, printing 500 copies catalogue of town library	126.90	
Printing library cards	3.50	
" 700 " "	4.75	
February: Paid directors	148.34	
Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for December and January	9.18	
		$536.38

TOWN HOUSE.

Expense of heating, lighting and care of same.

T. A. Bean, services as janitor for February.	$4.00	
Putting wood and coal into cellar.....	2.15	
February: Whithed & Co., for coal, 2110 lbs.	8.70	
April: " " for ½ ton egg coal	4.68	
T. A. Bean, services as janitor for March....	4.00	
" " " " April.....	7.00	
Sawing one cord of wood.....	1.00	
Express on lock.....	.15	
A. S. Wright, for one cord wood.....	4.00	
N. B. Blood " wood.....	.90	
Whithed & Co., for 2200 lbs. coal	9.47	
T. A. Bean, services as janitor for May.....	7.00	
W. W. Johnson, for drawing one cord wood	1.50	
T. A. Bean, services as janitor for June. ...	7.00	
" " " " July.....	7.00	
" " " " August...	7.00	
" " " " September	7.00	
" " " " October..	7.00	
Sawing and piling wood..... .	3.00	
Cyrus Hamlin, one cord wood.....	3.50	
Fletcher Peckins, two cords wood.....	12.50	
Whithed & Co., for 6600 lbs. broken coal....	23.93	
T. A. Bean, services as janitor for November	7.00	
" " " " December.	7.00	
" " " " January. .	7.00	
Freeman Howe, sawing wood.....	1.00	
John M. Fletcher, 40 gallons kerosene oil, etc.	5.80	
Wright & Fletcher, 65 galls. " "	12.35	
Chimneys and wicks.....	3.21	
		$175.84

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Received from State for armory rent.....	$175.00	
" " T. A. Bean.....	33.00	
		$208.00

PRINTING.

Paid Marden & Rowell, printing school reports	$25.00	
" Stone, Bacheller & Livingston, printing town reports.....	68.75	
Printing road and order books, bill heads, tax bills, etc.....	49.20	
		$142.95

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel Falls, express charges	1.75
Nelson L. Tuttle, repairing chairs, etc.	3.15
John Feeney, for enameled cloth for town house	2.00
for straps for hearse	2.00
Fielding & Co., for door-stops, clothes-hooks, etc.	3.40
Freight bill	1.10
T. A. Bean, sealing scales, at Graniteville	1.50
John S. D'Evelyn, auditing overseers' accounts	6.00
N. J. Wier & Co., stove and pipe for town house	17.50
F. P. Coggeshall, blank book, elastics, etc.	2.75
A. P. Richardson, attending 32 funerals with hearse	48.00
A. P. Richardson, for labor at town house	3.00
Union Society, for use of bell, 1880	7.50
First Parish, " " " " "	7.50
N. S. Hamblin, for Luther W. Blodgett's services as Overseer of the Poor, in 1877	10.00
T. A. Bean, sealing weights and measures	12.00
Humphrey Machine Company, for scraper-plate, etc.	6.50
George H. Hartford, for parade ground for cavalry	9.00
David Reed, for six stone posts for town house cellar	10.00
Marshall & Hamblett, legal advice, 1880	15.00
Express charges from Keene, N. H.	1.50
Humphrey Machine Co., scraper-plate	6.00
T. A. Bean, for sealing hay scales and balances	.60
A. P. Richardson, for grading and setting posts at town house	6.00
Stephen H. Nutting, work on north burying ground	5.00
Nelson L. Tuttle, repairing road scraper	4.75
J. T. Colburn, for work on west burying ground	6.50
W. A. Coburn, damages received on the highway	2.75
M. F. Downs, for boarding men in 1878, while repairing well at school house No. 7	4.50
Timothy Fletcher, setting step at town house	1.00
Amount carried forward	$208.25

Amount brought forward.....		$208.25
Paid Timothy Fletcher for blank book for town clerk.....	$ 2.00	
L. Morse & Sons for two settees at town house.....	7.20	
Westford Academy, for two tie-posts....	2.50	
J. A. Walkden, for whiffletree for hearse	1.50	
F. O. Decatur, as per bill.....	23.73	
for chain for chandelier.....	1.15	
" two letter-files.....	.60	
T. A. Bean, for taking down lightning rods and repairing windows.....	.50	
T. A. Bean, work on furnace.....	.50	
" " for repairing doors and windows.....	2.50	
H. H. Wilder & Co., repairing furnace..	18.53	
French & Puffer, for two bracket lamps.	1.00	
Charles E. Adams, Lowell, for wardrobe hooks, etc.....	.85	
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill.....	69.74	
six express charges on printers' proofs of town reports	.90	
express on two bundles of town reports, including charge from depot.....	.60	
for one coal-hod for town house kitchen	1.25	
express on three pkgs. from State House	.60	
French & Puffer, for one bracket lamp..	.65	
express on order to Keene, N. H., and return	.65	
Dr. E. C. Atwood, for medical examination of Michael Hoar.....	2.25	
Dr. Joseph B. Heald, for medical examination of Michael Hoar.....	2.25	
H. D. Pierce and teams for removing soil and grading about hearse-house....	10.75	
Gerry, King and others, for same.....	6.75	
William Reed, for three stone steps and buttresses for town house.....	73.25	
William Reed, for setting the same.....	4.50	
" " " underpinning.....	15.83	
" " " one long step.....	21.25	
" " " setting the same.....	2.00	
" " " cover'g stone for bridge at Graniteville.....	11.80	
Arthur Wright, for one dozen cedar pails for town house, required by law as protection against fire.....	7.50	
Arthur Wright, for shellacing the same.	1.50	
" " " powder, fuse, etc....	3.44	
		$508.27

EXPENSE OF INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

February: Paid George E. Underwood insurance premium on town house.....	$75.00	
September: Paid Traders and Mechanics Insurance Co. insurance premium on school houses Nos. 2, 3 and 8.....	63.00	
November: Paid H. C. Church insurance premium on town house.....	45.00	
		$183.00

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND EXPENSE OF BOOKS, ETC., FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 1.

Feb.—Paid C. W. Blood, for stove pipe, zinc, labor, etc.....	$7.88	
Sept.—E. A. Stevens, for repairs.....	2.58	
Nov.—S. G. Mack, for stove, new pipe, etc.	38.50	
Dec.—For coal-hod	.65	
Wright & Fletcher, for books.....	1.35	
" " " 2 boxes crayons..	.40	
" " " broom, etc.....	.75	
" " " ink.....	.75	
		$52.86

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 2

1880.		
Aug.—Paid Hiram Dane, for slating blackboards	.91	
1881.		
Sept.—E. A. Stevens, for repairs.....	4.23	
Wright & Fletcher, 3 boxes crayons.	.60	
" " " ink and broom....	1.00	
		$6.74

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 3.

Aug.—Paid Hiram Dane for slating blackboards	.91	
1880.		
Paid Arthur Wright for books.....	1.95	
" " for crayons....	.20	
1881.		
Paid Arthur Wright for books.....	1.10	
" " for 3 brooms..	1.05	
" " for 3 boxes crayons.....	.60	
Nov.—Paid Olive A. Prescott repairs on school-house.....	3.25	
for one box crayons.....	.20	
for one broom.....	.35	
		$9.61

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 4.

May—Paid John Wilson, for labor at school house, No. 4.....	$3.38	
Sept.—Paid E. A. Stevens for repairs.....	.15	
Wright & Fletcher for books..	4.60	
for 2 boxes crayons.....	.40	
for ink, pail, &c.....	1.10	
for repairs.....	1.00	
		$10.63

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 5.

Paid Wright & Fletcher for 6 boxes crayons...	$1.20	
brooms.....	.75	
books, &c.....	.48	
		$2.43

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 6.

Paid for window glass.....	$ .50	
Charles H. Bicknell, cleaning out well.....	2.00	
Wright & Fletcher for books, &c.....	2.10	
		$4.60

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 7.

1880.		
Jan.—Paid Hiram Dane for slating black-boards.....	$4.00	
Feb.—For 3 brooms.....	1.00	
April–Moses Edwards for cleaning out well	2.00	
1881.		
Jan.—Paid S. G. Mack for castings, labor, &c., on stove.....	8.60	
May—W. C. Edwards for repairing black-board.....	.50	
		$16.10

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 8.

1881.		
Paid Arthur Wright for 3 brooms...	$1.05	
Sept.—E. A. Stevens for repairs.....	5.79	
Oct.— " " for furnishing lumber and building coal bin.....	7.69	
Dec.—For cutting wood.....	1.00	
moving stove.....	1.25	
C. W. Blood for stove pipe, zinc, labor, &c.....	7.70	
Wright & Fletcher for 2 boxes crayons.....	.40	
Wright & Fletcher for books.....	.70	
For wardrobe hooks and screws....	1.60	
		$27.18

SCHOOL HOUSE, No. 9.

Aug.—Paid Hiram Dane for slating black-boards	$ .93	
1880.		
Paid Arthur Wright for books	.62	
1881.		
H. Cummings for pail, dipper, &c	.63	
Wright & Fletcher, 1 box crayons	.20	
		$2.38

SCHOOL HOUSE, Nos. 10 AND 11.

1880.		
Paid Arthur Wright for books	$3.42	
Four boxes crayons	.80	
two coal hods	1.20	
dust-pan, pail, &c	.45	
broom	.30	
1881.		
Paid Arthur Wright for books	6.85	
six boxes crayons	1.20	
four brooms	1.55	
Nov.—Paid S. G. Mack for stove, new pipe, &c	38.50	
Hannah Wyeth for repairing curtain fixtures, chair, &c	2.00	
one box crayons	.25	
for shovel, pail, &c	1.50	
		$58.02
Total expense for eleven schools		$190.55

STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS,

As authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

Paid February	$43.00
" March	43.00
" April	30.00
" May	35.00
" June	30.00
" July	30.00
" August	30.00
" September	30.00
" October	30.00
" November	30.00
" December	43.00
	$374.00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' FAMILIES,

As authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

Paid February	$33.00
" March	33.00
" April	33.00
" May	33.00
" June	33.00
" July	33.00
" August	33.00
" September	33.00
" October	33.00
" November	33.00
" December	33.00
	$363.00

STATE AID.

Expense incurred in looking up settlements and filing applications for state aid.

Paid G. T. Day, going to Lawrence to look up settlement of George A. Devitt	$1.40	
going to Methuen to look up settlement of George A. Devitt	3.00	
car fare going to Boston to attend two hearings at State House	4.00	
two days' time attending hearings	4.00	
Paid for affidavit of collector of Methuen	1.00	
		$13.40

REPAIRS ON ROADS.

The town voted to raise the sum of $2000 for repairs of roads and bridges, and the selectmen have paid as follows:

Paid A. P. Richardson, gravel furnished in 1880	$ 15.00
" Albert Bouden, Jr., May, 1881	13.12
" Levi Lamot, May, 1881	13.75
" George Gerry, May, 1881	27.50
" J. Boyd	7.50
" Albert King, July	33.75
" Albert Bouden, July	16.25
" Albert Bouden, jr., July	16.87
" George Gerry, June	23.13
" " " July	15.91
Amount carried forward	$182.83

Amount brought forward	$182.83
Paid George Gerry, August	22.83
" Albert Bouden, Jr., August	18.75
" Henry Aldine, August	2.50
" A. P. Richardson, August	2.00
" J. T. Colburn, moving stone from road with machine	2.50
" B. Turner, work to October	85.31
" S. N. Burbeck, cleaning out and relaying bridge	8.25
" George Gerry, September	22.26
John Wayne, for cutting brush	10.00
" Albert Bouden, jr., September	26.87
" John Bouden, September	28.12
" Albert Bouden, September	16.87
" Henry Bouden, October	8.75
" Albert King	71.94
" George Gerry, October	24.32
" Albert Bouden, Jr., November	10.62
" John Bouden, November	12.62
" Wm. Reed, November	7.50
" John Bouden, December	22.25
" Albert Bouden, jr., December	24.25
" Wm. M. Vose, September	3.50
" George T. Day, men and teams, September	6.85
" Timothy Fletcher, blasting out rocks	2.00
" A. P. Richardson and others, moving stone from gravel pit and work on highway	20.01
" W. W. Johnson, November	5.00
" James Hildreth, June and October, mowing brush, &c	16.50
" Albert King, November	14.70
" E. E. Wright,	6.75
" Dennis Casey	10.00
" Thomas Turner	6.25
" Henry Alloe	2.50
" Samuel M. Hutchins, December	2.60
" Henry Aldine	9.04
" H. D. Pierce, with horses and man, exclusive of work done at east burying ground and swamp road	798.37
" Timothy Driscoll	3.00
" Dennis Burke, for mowing brush	3.75
" David Reed, bill for work repairing roads in 1876.	30.00
	$1552.07

COST OF WIDENING AND FILLING "SWAMP ROAD," LEADING TO CHELMSFORD.

Paid H. D. Pierce, and teams	$87.00
Amount carried forward	$87.00

Amount brought forward	$87.00
Paid Bouden, Gerry, King and others for shovelling	48.00
" Julian Hildreth, for board of man and teams	5.00
" A. B. Adams, for posts and rails	24.00
	$164.00

BREAKING ROADS.

George S. Frederick and others, '81	$27.63
George T. Day, men and oxen, '81	9.82
Asaph B. Cutter and others, '81	9.29
Julian Hildreth and team, '81	21.00
Samuel L. Taylor and others, '81	30.00
George H. Hartford, '81	7.25
Josiah Blodgett, '81	2.00
Francis Caldwell, '81	2.50
Edward E. Wright, '81	3.60
George P. Wright, '81	1.00
William Reed, '81	4.50
Timothy Fletcher, '81	4.86
A. H. Richardson, '81	4.80
J. H. Wilson, '81	4.82
W. F. Balch, '81	1.25
W. Foster, '81	4.75
Arthur Wright, for work of T. Driscoll and ten others, '81	11.63
Samuel G. Humiston, '81	2.38
Alvan Fisher, '81	2.00
John T. Colburn, '81	2.00
J. H. Horan, '81	5.75
James O'Brien, '81	8.25
Andrew Sheahan, '81	1.50
William Vose, '81	7.75
L. O. Butterfield, '81	9.75
J. H. Whitney, '81	4.88
N. B. Blood, '81	6.28
S. S. Flagg, '81	6.50
Stephen E. Hutchins, '81	5.88
Frank W. Bannister, '81	2.25
Isaac W. Green, '81	1.50
Luther Wilkins, '81	.63
W. M. Wright, '81	.88
George F. Millis, '81	.50
C. L. Howard, '81	3.37
Amos Leighton, '81	2.80
W. W. Johnson and team, '81	4.80
James Hildreth and others, '81	20.39
W. H. Brown	5.00
Amount carried forward	$255.74

Amount brought forward	$255.74
W. C. Edwards	12.00
H. A. Fletcher	1.60
Dennis Burke	1.25
E. E. Wright	7.00
G. T. Day, with men and team	16.65
John Wayne	12.50
John W. Day	6.25
J. B. Hale	3.80
A. Murphy	3.00
H. D. Pierce, men and teams	41.87
Nelson Cleveland	18.38
William Reed	.93
Arthur Holt and others	3.74
A. Taylor	1.63
George Hutchins and others	23.11
C. R. Decatur	2.50
A. R. Perham & Son	5.43
Paul F. S. Clark, February	2.50
C. H. Colburn, February	.75
	$420.63

WALL AT EAST BURYING GROUND.

At a meeting held in November, 1879, the selectmen were authorized to ascertain the expense of building a faced wall at the East Burying Ground. In March, 1880, they reported in favor of building such wall, and recommended that a wall should be built the first year from the receiving tomb east, to the old entrance to the yard, trusting the town would continue the wall the entire front the following year, and asked for an appropriation of $360.00, which was voted. They advertised for proposals, and the work was awarded to George Yapp. Nearly twice the distance anticipated has been laid, being 24⅔ rods, leaving about 12 rods to be built to complete the whole distance.

Cost of building "faced wall" at East Burying Ground has been as follows:

Paid H. D. Pierce, for teaming stone	$100.00
" Moses Sweatt and John Eaton, for moving derrick at Graniteville to load stone	5.25
" George Yapp, for laying wall	100.62
" " " for extra work removing ledge and old wall	10.00
" David Reed, for stone for wall	13.68
Amount carried forward	$229.55

Amount brought forward	$229.55
Paid Edward Symmes, for surveying	3.75
" H. D. Pierce, with teams removing gravel, and moving stone to site of wall	83.00
" Lamot, Turner, Allard and others, for work on same	48.00
	$364.30

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1878, Joseph Boreaux	$2.00
" Adam Bedell	2.00
" James Callahan	2.00
" Charles Dane	2.00
" Howard R. Fillebrown	2.00
" Fred W. Fillebrown	2.00
" John Fitman	2.00
" Solomon S. Gilson	2.00
" Freeland Gilson	2.00
" Lester H. Hamblett	2.00
" John Kelly	2.00
" James Keefe	2.00
" John Kinsman	2.00
" L. Keenan	2.00
" Joseph Kelly	2.33
" John Langley	2.00
" James McKay	2.00
" John Morris	2.00
" —— McGuire	2.00
" John Mahoney	2.00
" James McKabe	2.00
" James McBride	2.00
" Morris Nelligan	2.00
" Arthur O'Brien	2.00
" Rose Gibbs	2.00
" Orman Shaw	2.00
" Charles Shugrue	2.00
" John D. Smith	2.00
" James Staples	3.63
" R. B. Toby	2.72
" Alvin L. Wright	2.00
" Leonard P. Wellington	2.00
" George White	2.00
" George E. Chamberlin	.65
" S. A. Waters	3.51
" Michael Follen	2.00
1879, Frank Allen	2.00
Amount carried forward	$76.84

	Amount brought forward	$76.84
1879,	Harry Blodgett,	2.00
"	Michael Conley	2.00
"	Patrick Dailey	2.00
"	Josiah Dyer	2.00
"	George Dailey	2.00
"	Moses Delie	2.00
"	Fred W. Fillebrown	2.12
"	Frank P. Goss	2.00
"	William Jewitt	2.00
"	John H. Lackey	2.00
"	William Lee	2.00
"	Michael Mack	2.00
"	James McGuire	2.00
"	John Manamin	2.00
"	Charles O. Prescott	2.00
"	Charles Roads	2.00
"	James Simpson	2.00
"	Charles E. Smith	2.00
"	John D. Smith	2.00
"	George H. Smith	2.00
"	Patrick Sullivan	2.00
"	John Truby	2.00
"	Arthur Wilkins	2.00
"	Albion Wright	2.00
"	Ellery C. Wright	2.00
"	George Weston	2.00
"	John M. Flynn	2.00
"	Winslow Parker	2.00
"	George E. Chamberlin	.59
"	William M. Parker	11.80
"	S. A. Waters	3.19
1880,	John C. Murphy	1.56
"	Hezekiah Dwinell	2.00
"	Arthur Murray	2.00
"	Timothy Mahoney	2.00
"	John Armitage	2.00
"	S. F. Avery	2.00
"	Edward F. Carkin	2.00
"	Charles Carkin	2.00
"	Hiram Chandler	2.00
"	O. B. Cleveland	2.00
"	N. A. Coburn	2.00
"	Edward Dalton	2.00
"	Thomas Foster	2.00
"	Charles Howard	2.00
"	Charles Holbrook	2.00
"	Peter Haley	2.00
	Amount carried forward	$180.10

	Amount brought forward	$180.10
1880,	William Lee	2.00
"	John Mounin	2.00
"	J. S. Murphy	2.00
"	John McManaman	2.00
"	Fred Maim	2.00
"	Elias Nevan	2.00
"	John O'Meara	2.00
"	Charles O. Prescott	2.00
"	Edward Perot	2.00
"	Edward Perckse	2.00
"	William Reed, 3rd	2.00
"	Charles F. Shaw	2.00
"	James Stewart	2.00
"	James Stewart, 2nd	2.00
"	John D. Smith	2.00
"	Nathan Snowden	2.00
"	Ellery C. Wright	2.00
"	Patrick Wall	2.00
"	Estate of Sarah Parker	34.32
1881,	Hezekiah Hutchinson	1.90
"	A. & E. G. Spaulding	14.12
		$266.54

SUMMARY.

	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.	1871.	1870.
Town Officers,	$ 439 47	$ 436 81	$ 380 16	$ 345 32	$ 375 97	$ 427 44	$ 944 24	$ 456 87	$ 412 79	$ 351 02	$ 442 80	$ 426 90
Tax Collector and Constables,	143 39	178 40	141 55	147 98	152 34	116 28	150 00	161 74	160 00	107 00	93 34	122 99
School Committee,	166 33	168 25	164 75	170 00	183 40	254 50	197 00	190 00	105 00	100 00	110 00	
Public Library,	536 38	319 20	340 05	299 49	336 28	243 21	277 58	328 00	262 27	287 54	291 42	149 80
Town House,	175 84	183 45	171 12	166 47								
Printing,	142 95	126 90	119 75	110 68	179 85	110 45	204 00	135 00	83 00	150 00	80 00	
School Houses,	190 55	170 96	164 91	118 35	189 36	204 42	584 00	90 00	6377 70	3233 02	6020 00	
Incidental Expenses.	508 27	500 42	460 07	870 71	897 11	531 03	1315 61	966 07	2424 67	1441 97	1949 59	1404 49
State Aid,	363 00	427 50	360 00	533 50	414 00	472 00	492 00	620 00	696 00	612 00	714 00	656 00
Aid to Soldiers and Sailors and Expenses	387 40	449 00	229 70	374 40								
Roads and Bridges,	1552 07	1504 19	1454 98	1871 82	1808 13	2244 85	1957 54	2426 93	2320 12	2192 14	1768 13	2643 53
Improvement on Roads,	164 00	170 88	69 00	99 47								
Breaking Roads,	420 63	70 86	239 22	140 26								
Overseers of Poor	2147 94	1680 66	1913 32	1561 39	2331 00	3418 00	1907 50	2142 00	2000 00	2777 00	1535 00	1858 93
Abatement of Taxes,	266 44	231 86	216 45	151 45	224 28	98 47	883 42	444 03	197 60	112 18	81 22	68 31
Painting School House,		28 38	189 10									
Repairs on Hearse,		306 90										
Insurance,	183 00	216 75										
Repairs on Town House,		3662 64										
Building School House No. 5,		1179 97										
Wall at Burying Ground,	364 30											
	$8151 96	$12021 98	$6614 13									

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 11, 1882:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

February 11, 1881	$2,839.43
February 3, 1882	2,760.04
Loss on personal property	$79.39

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's Books.

Received for milk	$370.15
for cider	20.75
for beef	106.56
for calves	71.00
for hay	66.96
for work on roads	1,020.99
for work on roads in 1880	100.00
for eggs	7.68
for turkeys	34.05
for apples	.75
for peas	7.95
for beets	.35
for chickens	1.67
for cranberries	15.80
for straw	2.50
for butter	3.18
for pigs	91.00
for horse collar	2.00
for cheese	8.10
for squashes	3.75
for onions	25.30
for cabbage	2.75
for indigent soldiers	264.00
for hay	6.70
for labor off the farm	10.97
for sundries	2.20
Cash on hand at last settlement	2.40
	$2,249.51

PAYMENTS.

Paid for labor	$ 16.12
for butchering	3.25
for medicine	7.20
for whip	.50
for pump-box	1.50
for dry goods	2.50
for mending boots	3.20
for house paper	2.94
for lime	.75
for bee-hive	2.60
for groceries	490.43
for sawing lumber	1.75
for grain	640.11
for planing lumber	1.22
for shingles	14.00
for lead	2.55
for washing machine	2.50
for poultry	10.50
for two wagon tires	4.00
for blacksmith's work	55.28
for one door and trimmings	5.92
for meat	97.23
for labor	456.00
for one wrench	1.00
for one pair scissors	.38
for boots for inmates	6.00
for clothes for inmates	37.65
for stockings	.90
for tomato plants	.60
for fresh fish	5.37
for crackers	19.41
for mowing machine irons	3.35
for coffin for Mrs. Kendall	13.50
for cabbage plants	1.50
for machine oil	.60
for cheese press	1.50
for pump	10.00
for crockery	1.25
for husk collar	1.00
for curry comb	.20
for soap	3.00
for butter	15.00
for car fare	1.00
for tin ware	1.75
for medical attendance	.50
for steel sled shoes	2.95
Amount carried forward	$1,950.46

Amount brought forward		$1,950.46
Paid for one cow		29.00
for repairing sled		1.75
for one pair of wheels		11.00
for hay		11.22
for 18 pounds of cast steel		2.75
for use of tools		1.50
for stoves and boiler		24.90
for blacksmith's work		38.91
for sundries		3.76
H. D. Pierce, for services as Master of Almshouse to April 1, 1881		450.00
for digging grave for Mrs. Kendall		2.00
for harness work		11.65
for wheelwright work		9.15
John Greene		17.00
James McManus		15.00
for one horse		150.00
for pasturing cows		21.07
Loss on personal property		79.39
		$2830.51
Deduct proceeds sold from the farm	$2,249.51	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	220.23	
The expense of keeping ninety-two tramps	23.00	
		$2.492.74
Leaves as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the Almshouse		337.77

COST OF SUPPORTING POOR

Outside of the Almshouse.

Paid expense in carrying E. Blood to Almshouse	$ 2.00
for the relief of Mary Howe	17.47
for the relief of Jacob Read's family	121.00
E. C. Atwood, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Jacob Read	61.75
for coffin for Mrs. J. Read	10.00
Treasurer of Lunatic Asylum at Worcester for A. H. Woodward, R. Keyes and T. W. Dupee	581.04
Overseers of Poor on last year's settlement	293.02
for copy of the marriage record of H. S. Nutting	.30
J. M. Ruiter, for groceries for Mrs. W. O. Wright	13.83
for the relief of Edward Holt's family	10.00
the town of Ayer, for the relief of Sarah Hosley and children	253.36
Amount carried forward	$1,563.77

Amount brought forward		$1,563.77
Paid E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Bridgewater to see about Mary Howe		5.00
for time and expense in going to Boston to see about J. Read's family		3.00
for making out reports to the Board of State Charities		2.50
for time and expense in looking up the settlement of Sarah Hosley		5.00
for time and expense in going to Groton to see about Edward Holt and H. Watson		5.00
for making out report to the Town		5.00
for services as Overseers of the Poor		10.00
for stationery and postage stamps		5.00
for time and expense in looking up the settlement of John Burnett		3.00
Arthur Wright, for goods for C. Hoar		9.50
Wright & Fletcher, for goods for F. Pike		14.00
" " " for shoes for M. Howe		1.50
Arthur Wright, for goods for C. H. Spaulding		104.00
Alvan Fisher, for time and expense in going to Groton to see about S. Hosley and children		5.00
for going to Groton to see about E. Holt		5.00
for services as Overseer of the Poor		10.00
David Reed, for time and expense in taking Nellie Shugrue to State Almshouse		3.00
for services as Overseer of the Poor		10.00
		$1,569.27
Received from the town of Bridgewater	$149.66	
" " " " " Lunenburg	3.00	
Due from the town of Chelmsford	14.00	
" " " " " Bridgewater	33.50	
" " " State for the expense of J. Read in 1881	192.75	
Paid Overseers of the Poor, on last year's settlement	293.02	
		$685.93
Expense of the poor outside the Almshouse		$883.34

STATEMENT.

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer	$2,147.94
Received from Bridgewater and Lunenburg	152.66
Amount carried forward	$2,300.60

Amount brought forward		$2,300.60
Due from town of Bridgewater	$ 33.50	
" " " " Chelmsford	14.00	
" " State	192.75	
Cash paid on last year's settlement	293.02	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	220.23	
Cash in Overseers' hands	9.77	
		$763.27
Cost of Supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm		$1,537.33
Number receiving two meals and lodging		92
" supported in the Almshouse		8
Average number		$6\frac{3}{52}$
Number aided out of the Almshouse		18

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ALVAN FISHER,
DAVID REED,
Overseers of the Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LOWELL, MASS., February 13, 1882.

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor including the accounts kept by the Master of the Almshouse, for the year 1881–'82, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN S. D'EVELYN,

Auditor.

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

At the Almshouse in Westford, 1882.

5 horses	$700 00
7 cows	231 00
1 bull	25 00
1 calf	2 00
2 swine	25 00
11 pigs	33 00
5 harnesses	160 00
Horse blankets	4 00
1 buffalo robe	2 00
Curry combs and brush	1 75
1 string bells	1 15
1 ton English hay	20 00
4 tons clover	68 00
2 tons stock	28 00
2 tons meadow hay	20 00
1½ tons cow fodder	18 00
1½ tons oat fodder	25 50
450 lbs. meal	6 75
5 bushels cob meal	2 50
600 lbs. oil meal	12 00
3 bushels oats	2 00
50 bushels corn on ear	20 00
1 bushel sweet corn	75
1 bushel seed corn	1 00
20 lbs. pop corn	80
3½ bushels beans	12 25
5 hay forks	1 00
2 manure forks	2 00
2 manure hooks	2 00
9 shovels and spades	2 50
5 iron rakes	1 50
4 hay rakes	1 00
1 drag rake	50
1 horse rake	29 00
12 meal boxes	3 00
1 corn sheller	4 00
1 wind mill	4 00
1 hay cutter	1 00
20 flour barrels	4 00
8 meal bags	1 60
3 sacks	60
1 bushel peas	2 50
1½ bushel salt	1 00
1 set of measures	1 50
2 feed baskets	50
6 baskets	1 00
9 tie chains	1 80
3 harrows	12 00
2 cultivators	5 00
6 ploughs	23 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,528 45

Amount brought forward,	$1,528 45
3 ox yokes	3 00
5 iron bars	5 00
3 picks	2 00
4 hoes	1 33
1 ditching knife	50
3 bog hoes	3 00
1 garden hoe	50
6 chains	6 00
Shafts and axle	2 00
1 wagon jack	2 00
3 hog hooks	1 00
2 water tubs	1 50
Ladders and hooks	7 00
1 grindstone	4 25
Rope	25
1 cow bell	50
Wrenches and hammers	2 50
3 steel drills	2 25
6 scythe snaths	4 50
3 bush scythes	1 00
2 mowing machines	25 00
1 sleigh	12 00
2 drags	10 00
1 dirt scraper	6 00
4 horse carts	150 00
1 farm wagon	70 00
1 hay wagon	15 00
2 horse wagons	40 00
1 horse sled	14 00
1 4-horse sled	25 00
Neck yoke and eveners	12 00
12 fowls	6 00
3 turkeys	6 00
1 copper kettle	2 00
2 wash boilers	4 00
1 rifle	1 00
5 wood saws	5 00
3 saw horses	2 00
Carpenters' tools	20 00
3 axes	3 00
1 cheese press	2 00
1 washing machine	2 00
1 M shingles	4 00
2 cranberry rakes	3 00
2 apple parers	1 00
1 churn	2 50
1 meal chest	1 00
Beetle-rings and wedges	1 00
Amount carried forward,	$2,023 03

Amount brought forward,	$2,023 03
1 pad lock and chain	50
2 old stoves	3 00
1 pair steelyards	2 50
1 clothes wringer	6 00
Clothes dryer	1 00
1 dinner bell	75
1 pair hand cuffs	2 00
33 bushels onions	24 75
40 bushels potatoes	32 00
2 bushels beets	2 00
65 gallons vinegar	11 05
44 gallons cider	6 60
21 empty cider casks	10 50
2 pork barrels	1 00
3 wash tubs	2 00
90 lbs. fresh beef	7 20
40 lbs. salt beef	2 80
18 lbs. fresh pork	2 16
300 lbs. salt pork	36 00
100 lbs. ham	12 00
14½ lbs. sausages	1 74
20 lbs. tallow	1 20
30 lbs. butter	10 50
50 lbs. lard	7 00
100 lbs. cheese	15 00
Rye meal	40
10 gals. pickles	5 00
10 gals. soap and cask	2 50
1 cake hard soap	08
100 lbs. dried apples	10 00
Oil and can	1 25
15 doz. candles	2 50
Candle moulds	1 50
25 cords wood	75 00
1 ton coal	7 00
Tinware	18 50
Crockery	10 00
Chopping knife and tray	1 00
1 tin washing machine	2 50
1 porcelain kettle	1 25
Earthen pots	1 25
2 water pots	1 50
4 brooms	1 50
13½ lbs. tobacco	8 10
Amount carried forward,	$2,375 11

Amount brought forward,	$2,375 11
Glassware	4 00
2 clothes lines	1 00
Jugs	1 25
Mop handle and wringer	1 00
Knives, forks and spoons	3 75
Lamps and lanterns	3 50
7 flat irons	2 50
40 lbs. sugar	4 00
10 lbs. table salt	15
1½ lbs. tea	68
1½ lbs. coffee	51
Spices and boxes	75
2 lbs. saleratus	16
½ lb. cream tartar	20
1¾ barrel flour	16 00
2 qts. molasses	20
1 sieve	50
Stoves	34 50
Table linen and towels	7 00
33 chairs	6 00
5 rocking chairs	5 00
1 cabinet chair	2 00
2 clocks	2 00
8 tables	15 00
1 cradle	1 00
Window curtains & screens	2 00
5 shawls	5 00
3 looking glasses	1 00
Shovel and tongs	1 00
5 candle sticks	75
Bedsteads, beds and bedding	250 00
1 case drawers and contents	2 50
10 chests	5 00
2 sickles	50
1 rubber blanket	50
2 pairs eye glasses	2 00
1 bed pan	1 50
1 injection pipe	6 00
1 string gold beads	2 00
1 clothes basket	65
1 caster	1 00
1 paper horse powders	40
8 butter tubs	48
	$2,760 04

WESTFORD, MASS., Feb. 3, 1882.

THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,
Appraisers of Property.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their Twenty-Seventh Annual Report, for the year ending February 11, 1882:

Number of books purchased	177
Public documents received from the State	3
Other books presented	5
Whole number added during the year	185
Number of issues of books	6880
Percentage of circulation of different classes: Class C 3%, D 5%, E 2%, F 25%, G 54%, H 2%, I 2%, J 7%	
Whole number of books in the library	4067

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Unexpended balance from last year's appropriation	$ 7 01
Annual appropriation for new books	150 00
Town appropriation for catalogue	175 00
Dog tax appropriated	152 19
Fines	4 89
	$489 09

Expenditures.

May 7, Lee & Shepard, bill of books	$ 65 15
" 7, 1 subscription book	6 75
" 7, 371 hours preparing catalogue, @ .20	74 30
July 2, 190 " " " @ .25	47 50
Sept. 3, printing 500 catalogues	126 90
" 3, " 10 lots of cards	3 50
Jan. 7, 1882, printing 700 cards	4 75
" 27, " D. Appleton & Co., bill of books	7 50
" 27, " D. Appleton & Co., bill of books	4 33
" 27, " Willard Small, bill of books	54 67
" 27, " Willard Small, bill of books	12 66
Feb. 12, " express for the year, and fares to Boston	3 35
" 12, " W. Small, bill of books	68 35
	$479 71
Balance of cash in the hands of the directors	9 38
	$489 09

The classification of books, as mentioned in the catalogue, issued the past year, has been attended with good results, by enabling readers to select more easily those books to which they are led by their particular tastes, and the directors can thereby proportion their purchases to the needs of each Department. It is hoped that a higher class of reading will be encouraged from massing the different subjects on distinctive shelves. It has also so economized space that there will be for several years ample accommodations for the enlargement of the Library.

That it may continue its beneficent work of instruction and entertainment for its constantly increasing number of readers, the directors respectfully ask for an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year.

We gratefully acknowledge the presentation of three books, by their author, Mr. George L. Ditson, a descendant of one of our well known families.

The list of books appended covers the purchases of the past year, thus obviating the necessity and expense of frequent catalogues.

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LIST OF JURORS, 1882.

The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the jury-box, subject to revision by the town:

Daniel Atwood,	Luther Wilkins,
George W. Heywood,	Noah Prescott,
Samuel L. Taylor,	Albert P. Richardson,
Gilman J. Wight,	William C. Edwards,
John Wilson,	James Hildreth,
Edward Prescott,	Isaac P. Woods,
Cyrus Hamlin,	Wesly O. Hawks,
Hiram Dane,	A. B. Fletcher,

Eph. A. Stevens.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 15, 1882.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

For the School Years 1880 and 1881.

As inquiry has been made frequently why the school terms are not as long this year as last, the following explanation is presented:

	1880.	1881.
Length of Summer Term.....	10 weeks	11 weeks
" of Fall Term.....	10 "	10 "
" of Winter Term.....	11 "	10 "
	31 weeks	31 weeks

The Treasurer has furnished the following financial statement:

1880.

Balance unexpended School year ending April 1, 1880.....	$ 33 05	
From State School Fund, 1878–'79.....	230 60	
Apropriati m, year 1880–'81.....	3,000 00	
Fine for non-attendance school of minors....	40 00	
		$3,303 65

PAYMENTS.

Wood and coal, to Feb. 10, 1881.....	$ 292 94	
Teaching Summer and Fall terms.....	1,741 00	
Building fires and taking care of school-houses.....	82 00	
		$2,115 94
Balance unexpended Feb. 10, 1881.....		$1,187 71
Received of D. Pollard, for scholar sent to No. 7.....		8 00
Amount carried forward.....		$1,195 71

Amount brought forward		$1,195 71

PAYMENTS.

Wood and coal	$ 15 13	
Teaching winter term	1,111 00	
Building fires and taking care of school houses	62 45	
		$1,188 58
Balance unexpended April 1, 1881		$7 13

1881.

Balance, cash at the commencement of school year, April 1, 1881–'82	$ 7 13
State School Fund, 1879–'80	178 28
Appropriation for year 1881–'82	3,000 00
Town of Groton, for scholars sent to No. 3, 1880–'81	35 00
Dawson Pollard, one scholar to No. 7, 1881–'82	7 75
	$3,228 16

PAYMENTS.

From April 1, 1881, to February 11, 1882 — Two School Terms.

Teachers	$1,806 00	
Building fires and taking care of school-houses,	78 88	
Town of Littleton, scholars from No. 4	23 00	
Town of Tyngsborough, scholars from No. 7,	39 55	
Coal and wood	224 57	
		$2,172 00
Balance unexpended Feb. 11, 1882		$1,056 16

At the Close of the Winter Term, 1881–'82, there will be Due:

Teachers	$970 00	
For building fires and taking care of school-houses	66 00	
Making the sum of		$1,036 00
Balance carried to account of school year, commencing April 1, 1882		$20 16

It will be seen by the above statement that in 1881 the amount drawn from the State was $52.32 less than

in 1880, and $62.55 more has been paid to other Towns for the attendance of scholars in 1881 than in 1880, while the schools were taught the same number of weeks in 1881 as in 1880.

EDWIN R. HODGMAN,
Superintendent of Schools.

WESTFORD, February 20, 1882.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1882.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford, in said County, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the sixth day of March, being the first Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock, A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock, A. M., and closed at 1 o'clock, P. M.), and to act upon the following articles, to wit:

1—To choose a Moderator.

2—To hear Report of Selectmen and act in relation to the same.

3—To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.

4—To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, or act in relation to the same.

5—To hear report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.

6—To see if the Town will accept and adopt the report of the Directors of the Town Library, or act in relation to the same.

7—To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, or act in relation to the same.

8—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers,

six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at the Poor Farm, three Directors of Town Library, all on one ballot.

9—To raise money to defray Town Debts and Charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

10—To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.

11—To choose a Collector of Taxes.

12—To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

13—To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.

14—To raise money to repair Roads and Bridges and direct by whom and in what manner the same shall be expended.

15—To choose all other Town Officers, necessary to be chosen, by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.

16—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to complete the wall at the East Burying Ground, or act in relation to the same.

17—To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen upon the bequest of Sally B. Burrill, or act in relation to the same.

18—To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

19—To see if the Town will authorize the painting of School Houses, Nos. 1, 7, 9, or act in relation to the same.

20—To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of Ardent Spirits, or act in relation to the same.

21—To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to mail or cause to be mailed to each tax-payer, a copy of the Town Report before the annual March meeting in each and every year.

22—To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to cause a well to be dug at School House, No. 1, so called, or act in relation to the same.

23—To see if the town will vote to put a new furnace in the Town House, or act in relation to the same.

24—To see if the Town will vote to dispense with tolling of the church bells when a death occurs.

25—To see if the Town will instruct the Collector of Taxes to mail to each tax-payer his tax-bill on or before the first day of September in each and every year until otherwise ordered, or act in relation to the same.

6—To see if the town will pass a vote requiring the Selectmen to have printed in their next Annual Report the Report of the Auditor made to the Town in March, 1880, and referred back with instructions, or act in relation to the same.

27—To see if the Town will vote to build a cistern at the Town House, or act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

STATEMENT

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm.

Cash drawn from the Town Treasurer	$1,561.39
Loss on personal property	477.44
Cash received from former overseers	19.38
	$2,058.21

Refunded to the Town Treasurer	$72.00
Due from Bridgewater	12.80
" " the State	45.00
" " Benjamin Palmer's note, $72.00	
Cash on hand	17.35
	$147.15

Cost of Supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the Farm	$1,911.06

Number receiving two meals and lodging	921
" supported in the Almshouse	10
Average number	$6\frac{2}{13}$
Number aided out of the Almshouse	40

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
GEORGE HUTCHINS,
Overseers of the Poor.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY,

At the Almshouse in Westford, Feb. 7, 1879.

Horse,	$165 00
Harness,	16 00
Draught harness,	7 00
Curry comb and brush,	1 00
7 cows,	210 00
Bull,	12 00
Rye straw,	5 00
8 tons English hay,	120 00
10 tons stock hay,	100 00
2 tons corn fodder,	18 00
2 tons meadow hay,	12 00
9 hay forks,	2 00
14 meal boxes,	5 00
Windmill,	4 50
Corn sheller,	4 00
50 bushels corn,	30 00
1 bushel oats,	50
1 ton shorts,	17 00
6½ bushels of rye,	4 55
2 hay cutters,	7 00
2 mowing machines,	80 00
2 Flails,	50
Set of measures,	25
60 Flour barrels,	6 00
8 meal bags,	2 00
12 sacks,	1 20
Apple pickler,	50
2 drag rakes,	1 00
12 tie chains,	6 00
3 ox yokes,	5 00
5 iron bars,	5 00
5 ploughs,	20 00
2 cultivators,	4 50
5 shovels,	3 00
2 spades,	1 00
6 manure forks,	2 00
Manure hooks,	1 00
3 picks,	2 00
Ditching knife,	50
9 bog hoes,	6 00
4 pork axes,	5 00
Shafts and axles,	3 00
3 water tubs,	1 50
Ox muzzle,	25
5 ladders and hooks,	10 00
Amount carried forward,	$907 75

Amount brought forward,	$907 75
2 ox carts,	40 00
Farm wagon,	70 00
Hay wagon,	25 00
Horse cart and harness,	70 00
30 Fowls,	15 00
Whiffiltree,	1 00
7 turkeys,	7 00
3 hog hooks,	1 25
2 horse wagons,	55 00
Ox sled,	2 00
Lumber,	12 00
Rope,	40
Carpenters' tools,	40 00
Horse sled,	20 00
3 swine,	40 00
6 chains,	4 00
Cow bell,	50
Horse rake,	30 00
Scythes and snathes,	5 00
Grindstone,	5 00
Sleigh,	6 00
Wheelbarrow,	1 00
2 bushels grass seed,	3 00
Copper kettle,	2 00
5 wood saws,	5 00
6 saw horses,	3 00
2 garden rakes,	1 00
6 baskets,	3 00
Grain cradle,	50
4 hoes,	2 00
3 bushels beans,	6 00
2 harrows,	10 00
Stone drag,	5 00
String of bells,	50
4 casks of salt pork,	56 00
Cask hams,	10 00
Washing machine,	4 00
Meal chest and meal,	3 00
70 gallons soap and cask,	9 50
Hard soap,	2 50
24 gallons pickles,	6 00
Beetle ring and wedges,	2 00
Butter worker,	50
Amount carried forward,	$1492 40

Amount brought forward,	$1492 40
Wrenches and hammers,	2 00
Chairs,	2 40
Castor,	1 00
Oil cloth,	1 00
Shingles,	1 00
180 pounds lard,	18 00
Bushel cranberries,	1 50
75 bushels potatoes,	56 25
Cabbages,	3 20
10 barrels apples,	10 00
20 bushels of roots,	8 00
Bushel onions,	1 00
2 fly traps,	1 50
100 pounds pop corn,	3 00
2 apple parers,	1 00
Iron pots,	1 00
60 pounds butter,	13 20
Gallon measure,	50
120 gallons vinegar,	24 00
19 casks,	9 50
635 gallons cider,	63 50
8 gallons molasses and barrel,	5 00
Oil and can,	1 55
12 pounds rice,	1 00
3 wash tubs,	2 00
Cook stove,	40 00
Wash boiler,	3 50
200 pounds dried apple,	16 00
Coal stove,	8 00
3 air-tight stoves,	12 00
Clothes wringer,	6 00
Butter mould,	1 00
Churns,	4 00
15 butter tubs,	50
Candle mould,	25
Sausage filler,	25
20 pounds sugar,	2 00
Salt,	2 00
Kettles,	2 00
Iron griddle,	50
Clothes line,	1 00
Chopping knife and tray,	75
Waiter,	75
3 pairs steelyards,	4 50
Earthern pots,	50
Bedsteads and beds,	125 00
5 rocking chairs,	5 00
Cabinet chair,	2 00
Amount carried forward,	$1962 00

Amount brought forward,	$1962 00
11 table cloths and towels,	5 00
Bedding,	180 00
Clock,	2 00
8 tables,	15 00
Dinner horn,	25
Window curtains,	3 00
Cradle,	1 00
4 shawls,	5 00
3 looking glasses,	1 00
Franklin stove,	1 00
24 milk pans,	8 00
3 wash basins,	60
Tin ware,	10 00
Coffee mill,	50
Wooden bowl,	50
Water pot,	75
Stove blacking and brush,	30
4 pounds tea,	2 00
½ ton coal,	3 00
20 pounds soap grease,	1 20
21 cords wood,	105 00
5 brooms,	1 00
5 boxes and spice,	1 25
¼ barrel of flour,	2 00
2 sieves,	60
3 jugs,	75
Lamps and lanterns,	6 00
Knives, forks and spoons,	2 00
Crockery,	10 00
4 shovels and tongs,	1 25
10 chests,	5 00
Candle sticks,	50
Clothes dryer,	1 00
4 tumblers,	32
6 trunks,	6 00
Case of drawers and contents,	5 00
7 flat irons,	2 75
Ash shovel,	1 00
Rifle,	3 00
Handcuffs,	2 00
Bed pan,	1 50
2 injection pipes,	6 00
Dinner bell,	75
Mrs. Kendall's beads,	4 00
3 mop handles,	1 00
2 sickles,	50
Rubber blanket,	50
2 Buffalo robes,	5 00
Total,	$2377 77

ALVAN FISHER,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
THADDEUS A. BLODGETT.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their Twenty-Fourth Annual Report, for the year ending February 12th, 1879:—

Number of books purchased	204
Public documents received from the State	9
" " " " " United States	2
State documents, presented by Dr. W. A. Webster	10
Monthly Review, " " American Unitarian Association	12
Whole number of books added during the year	237
Number of applicants for books	544
" " issues of books	9,112
Whole number of books in the Library	3,432
Number added since the publication of the last supplement	499

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Unexpended balance from last year's appropriation	$ 0.54
Annual appropriation for new books, 1878–'79	100.00
Dog tax, appropriated " " "	138.94
Fines	8.15
Total	$247.63

Payments.

April 12, 1878—Willard Small, bill of books	$ 49.00
Aug. 6, " — " " " " "	72.74
Jan. 31, 1879— " " " " "	112.76
Feb. 12, " — " " " " "	10.00
Express bills	2.95
Total	$247.45
Balance, cash in hands of Directors	.18
	$247.63

The Directors regret and earnestly protest against the *defacing* of books by patrons of the Library, which necessitates re-binding or condemning a large number annually. It is a difficulty only to be obviated by each one assuming a personal responsibility in the matter.

The number of issues of books, for the past year, has been four hundred and seventy-one less, and the number of applicants for books seventy-eight more, than for the preceding year.

We recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of books the ensuing year.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WILLIAM E. FROST,
ELIZA A. BABBITT,
Directors of Public Library.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1879.

The following names will be reported at the Annual March Meeting, to be placed in the jury-box, subject to revision by the town :—

Edward Prescott,	Charles E. Whidden,
Cyrus Hamlin.	Hiram H. Decatur,
George W. Heywood,	William L. Kittredge,
Henry Chamberlin,	Albert P. Richardson,
Samuel G. Humiston,	John M. Fletcher,
Daniel Atwood,	Isaac P. Woods,
George Hutchins,	Hezekiah Cummings,
Isaac E. Day,	Alvin G. Polly,
Asaph B. Cutter,	Benj. G. Brooks,
Theodore H. Hamblet,	Abiel J. Abbott.

GEORGE T. DAY,
BENJ. G. BROOKS,
NOAH PRESCOTT,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 19, 1879.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

INCLUDING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TOWN CLERK, TOWN TREASURER, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1883.

ALSO,

TOWN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING, TO BE HELD MARCH 5, 1883.

LOWELL, MASS.
MORNING MAIL PRINT: NO. 18 JACKSON STREET.
1883.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD.

1882.

TOWN CLERK,

JOSEPH B. HEALD.

SELECTMEN,

GEORGE T. DAY, ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

ASSESSORS,

HENRY CHAMBERLIN, WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,
ASAPH B. CUTTER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ALVAN FISHER,
DAVID REED.

TOWN TREASURER,

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. HENRY READ, J. MURRAY CHAMBERLIN,
J. SIDNEY MOULTON, MOSES EDWARDS,
OLIVE ANN PRESCOTT, HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

ISAAC E. DAY.

CONSTABLES.

Isaac E. Day,
W. C. Edwards,
S. A. Hamlin,
Wesley O. Hawkes,
Frank O. Decatur,
C. P. R. Decatur.

FENCE VIEWERS,

William Kittredge, George Hutchins,
Alvin G. Polley.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM,

A. W. Cummings, John M. Fletcher,
Thaddeus A. Blodgett.

LIBRARIAN,

CLARA M. WILEY.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

Abiel J. Abbot, Eliza A. Babbitt,
Arthur Wright.

WEIGHERS OF COAL, ETC.,

John B. Fletcher,
John M. Fletcher,
Arthur Wright,
Abiel J. Abbot,
W. H. H. Burbeck,
Sherman H. Fletcher,
Nahum H. Wright,
Edward A. Hamlin,
Samuel A. Hamlin,
Jacob Smith,
George W. Heywood,
William C. Edwards,
John W. Day,
John E. L. Hazen,
Charles E. Whidden,
John A. Healy.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.,

Charles L. Fletcher,
Gilmer Stone,
Jacob Smith,
Thomas Drew,
George H. Prescott,
Ephraim A. Stevens,
Wesley O. Hawkes,
Charles E. Whidden,
Frank O. Decatur,
Gardner A. Perham,
Albert S. Reed,
William C. Edwards,
John A. Healy.

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE,

JOHN FEENEY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

TRUE A. BEAN.

FIELD DRIVERS,

Thomas E. Symmes,
George Leland,
Edward E. Fletcher,
William Whitney,
Julian Hildreth,
David Reed,
M. H. A. Evans,
Gilman J. Wright,
Joseph Wilson,
J. E. Peebles.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES,

ALLEN R. PERHAM.

MARRIAGES,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1882.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Feb. 1	Edward E. Fletcher	24	Westford.	Westford.
	Maggie F. Keefe	25	Somerville.	England.
Feb. 19	Herbert C. Catchpole	25	Westford.	England.
	Mary Rushworth	22	Westford.	England.
April 2	Horace E. Gould	21	Westford.	Westford.
	Flora J. Blodgett	20	Westford.	Westford.
April 5	Henry A. Hildreth	58	Westford.	Westford.
	Dorcas M. Hosley	29	Westford.	Westford.
May 9	Arthur S. Holt	33	Westford.	Bangor, N. Y.
	Alice M. Edwards	33	Westford.	Chelmsford.
May 9	Charles Edwards	22	Westford.	Westford.
	Mary E. Smith	21	Chelmsford.	Chelmsford.
May 20	James Spinner	29	Westford.	England.
	Flora Moran	38	Westford.	Scotland.
June 1	John H. Dwyer	28	Westford.	Hinsdale.
	Mary C. Heery	28	Versailles, Ct.	Versailles.
July 19	Frank M. Barber	35	Canaan, N. H.	Franklin, N. H.
	Fortina Edgecomb	31	Westford.	Belfast, Me.
Aug. 2	Robert Gardner, Jr	27	Westford.	Scotland.
	Christianna S. Lewis	21	Milford, N. H.	Lyndboro', N. H.
Aug. 11	Joseph Crossley	38	Lowell.	England.
	Esther Archer.	28	Westford.	England.
Aug. 30	Daniel G. Houghton	23	Littleton.	Littleton.
	Mary Alice Read	23	Westford.	Westford.
Sept. 10	Alonzo D. Wheeler	36	Westford.	Westford.
	Mary F. Dike	31	Westminster.	Westminster.
Sept. 14	Charles A. Hamlin	25	Westford.	Westford.
	Edith E. Walker	20	Burlington.	Burlington.
Sept. 15	David L. Reed	25	Westford.	Nova Scotia.
	Emma Caunter	22	Westford.	England.
Oct. 18	Frederick H. Lewis	28	Westford.	New York.
	Linnie Hunt	18	Newport, Vt.	
Oct. 21	Amos P. Turner	22	Westford.	N. Brunswick
	Jenny Hughes	28	Westford.	England.
Nov. 25	John Wayne	43	Westford.	N. Brunswick
	Maggie Judge	37	Lowell.	Ireland.
Nov. 29	John Driscoll	24	Westford.	Lowell.
	Mary Ann Casey	21	Westford.	Westford.
Nov. 30	John Bailey	60	Westford.	Maryland.
	Betsey Varisto	55	Ayer.	Shirley.
Dec. 12	George H. Whitney	21	Westford.	Lowell.
	Lizzie M. P. Wetherbee	20	Stow.	Stow.
Dec. 21	George Russell	25	Westford.	Acton.
	Hattie M. Whitney	21	Westford.	Westford.
Dec. 25	Austin Perry	23	Redfield, N. Y.	Redfield, N. Y
	Grace Nutting.	22	Westford.	Groton.
Dec. 27	Irving G. Cummings	18	Westford.	Westford.
	Jennie D. Cheeney	19	Westford.	Canada.

Marriages Recorded 26
Marriages between natives 14
Marriages between foreigners 7
Marriages between natives and foreigners . . . 5

BIRTHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1882.

DATE.		NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.	4	George Allan Leland ...	George A. and Mary G. Leland.
"	9	Edith May Johnson.....	William W. and Anna M. Johnson.
"	24	William Henry Craven.	Edward and Emily L. Craven.
"	27	Frank E. Piper.....	William F. and Emily M. Piper.
"	31	Edward Moseley Abbot.	Abiel J. and Alice M. Abbot.
Feb.	5	Clara Mabel Wing.....	Thomas and Sarah J. Wing.
"	12	Florence M. Donohue...	Florence and Maggie Donohue.
"	26	Katie Maria Burke.....	Dennis and Abigail Burke.
Mar.	3	William A. Blodgett....	Samuel and Margaret Blodgett.
"	18	Emily F. S. Kecy.....	Joseph H. and Emeline Kecy.
"	25	William W. Wyman....	Walter W. and Ida A. Wyman.
April	14	Edward Arthur Felch..	John P. and Ann M. Felch.
May	14	Ida Prescott Ruiter.....	Noble W. and Mary A. Ruiter.
June	2	Eva G. Decatur.....	William H. and Susan Decatur.
"	3	—— Atwood.....	Daniel E. and Lizzie A. Atwood.
"	14	William Edwards.....	William C. and Louisa Edwards.
"	24	Abbie Moran.....	Edward and Ellen Moran.
July	7	Sarah Anna Webster...	Clarence A. and Lizzie Webster.
"	15	Eugenie B. Levasseur..	Napoleon and Eugenie Levasseur.
"	19	Amelia Fournier.....	Frank and Eugenie Fournier.
"	22	John Franklin Loftus...	John L. and Ellen Loftus.
Aug.	1	Walter F. Dow.....	James M. and Maria E. Dow.
"	11	Edith A. Wright.....	Charles H. and Janet W. Wright.
"	13	Roy Chester Wright....	Charles A. and Celia J. Wright.
"	26	—— Turner.....	Thomas and Adelaide Turner.
Sept.	10	Susan E. Whitney.....	Julian and Sarah Whitney.
"	12	Celesta Alvin McLenna	Alvin A. and Lillian McLenna.
Oct.	2	Chester H. Hollon.....	John H. and Minnie A. Hollon.
"	18	Mary M. Provost.....	Joseph and Melissa A. Provost.
"	25	Jessie M. Tanner.....	Thomas and Mary Tanner.
"	25	George Couture.....	Charles and Delima Couture.
Dec.	10	—— Edwards.....	Charles and Mary Edwards.
"	22	Flora E. Palmer.....	Lewis P. and Jennie B. Palmer.

Births recorded	33
Males	17
Females	16
Native parentage	11
Foreign parentage	8
Native and foreign	14

DEATHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1882.

DATES.		NAMES.	AGE. YEARS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Jan.	1	Clarence Horne	—	—	14
"	4	John Hutchins	84	—	13
"	12	Hattie L. Morse	—	4	23
"	16	Jacob Reed	85	5	—
"	18	Infant child of William H. Connor	Still born.	—	—
"	29	Joseph Dane	38	5	22
Feb.	11	Josiah Webber	67	—	—
"	22	Etta F. Horton	16	6	6
"	25	Mary W. Bruce	71	1	9
"	25	Caroline Wight	62	10	17
"	26	Albert J. Wright	29	1	15
Mch.	26	Samuel Wiley	62	9	25
April	21	Timothy Fletcher	61	5	12
"	21	Mary Pratt	86	5	23
"	24	Rose O'Brien	68	—	—
"	25	Patrick Shugrue	61	—	—
May	14	Florence M. Donohue	—	3	1
"	26	Parthenia B. Keith	82	—	—
June	4	Mary A. Buttrick	45	9	12
"	9	Alice St. Louis	22	—	—
"	18	Catherine B. Hildreth	62	11	3
"	23	George Wright	80	6	—
July	22	Bertha A. Walkden	3	7	22
"	25	Richard Billings	72	1	—
Aug.	11	Infant child of Charles H. Wright	Still born.	—	—
"	14	Infant child of John Flynn	Still born.	—	—
"	26	Betsey C. Parker	79	6	—
Sept.	6	Jeremy B. Reed	80	8	29
Oct.	14	Infant daughter of Frederick Seifer	Still born.	—	—
"	15	Agnes Wylie	24	7	—
Dec.	7	Ralph Thomas	9	3	22
"	12	Sarah Josephine Hunt	2	10	—
"	18	Infant child of Alpheus N. Trull	Still born.	—	—
"	18	Infant child of Alpheus N. Trull	Still born.	—	—
"	22	Caroline Conroy	55	—	—
"	24	Sarah S. Peebles	69	3	22
"	25	Betsey P. Tobie	85	4	16

Whole number recorded 37
Number who died in Westford 31
Number brought to Westford for burial 6

	Male.	Fem.
Under 1 year	6	3
Between 1 and 5 years	0	2
" 5 " 10 "	1	0
" 10 " 20 "	0	1
" 20 " 30 "	1	2
" 30 " 40 "	1	0
Between 40 and 50 years	0	1
" 50 " 60 "	0	1
" 60 " 70 "	4	4
" 70 " 80 "	1	2
" 80 " 90 "	4	3

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., December 30, 1882.

Joseph B. Heald, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, One Hundred Forty-six $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars for Dog Licenses, for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, as per his account on file—$146.40.

AMOS STONE,
County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1882.

Abbot, A. J.
Abbot & Co.
Bannister, F. W.
Blodgett, J. W.
Blodgett, L. W.
Blodgett, T. A. 1881–82.
Bunce, A.
Butterfield, L. O.
Carkin, I. W.
Carmichael, D.
Conley, Mrs. John
Carkin, Charles
Chamberlin, H.
Comey, W. S.
Curren, William
Day, G. T.
Day, I. E.
Downs, M. F. (2)
Desmond, Fanny
Drew, G.
Decatur, F. O.
Fletcher, A.
Fletcher, Harry
Fletcher, B. W.
Fletcher, L. T.
Fletcher, S. D.
Feeney, J.
Frederick, G. S.
Ford, M. B.
Gardner, R. (2)
Gould, G. E.
Greig, J.
Hamlin, C.
Hamlin, S. A.
Hawkes, W. O.
Horn, George
Hutchins, John
Horan, Thomas
Holdsworth, D.
Hurd, P. H.
Leighton, Amos
Martin, F.
Martin, J.
Moran, E.
Mountain, E.
McGearli, P.
Nesmith, G. W.
Norrie, John
O'Brien, C.
Perham, G. A.
Prescott, P. B.
Prescott, N. P.
Polly, A. G.
Reed, William, 1st
Reed, William, 2d
Reed, Charles
Sullivan, F.
Smith, Mary A.
Sweetzer, J. F.
Sanderson, A.
Stevens, R.
Sherman, D. W.
Vose, W. M.
Ward, Daniel
Worcester, I. S.
Wright, Erastus (2)
Wright, A.
Whitney, Hiram
Wright, E. E.
Whitney, W. M.
Whitney, J. H.
Woods, I. P.
Wall, Patrick. 1881–82.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WESTFORD, February 10, 1883.

The Committee appointed by the Selectmen to examine and audit the accounts of Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

The Treasurer has received from all sources, including the balance in the Treasury at the last settlement, the following sums:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last Settlement	$4,042 82
Cash borrowed	5,000 00
From State—balance corporation tax for 1881, in full	51 13
" " aid to soldiers' families, 1881, in full	404 00
" " aid to indigent soldiers, 1881	204 50
" " corporation tax, 1882, in part	1,264 44
" " national bank tax, 1882, in part	750 91
" " arrears of state aid	106 00
" " school fund for 1881–2	235 80
" " rent of armory, 1882	175 00
" County Treasurer—dog tax, 1881	171 65
" " " discount on county tax, for advance payment	4 67
" Joseph Marshall, license, 1882	50 00
" Russell S. Stoddard, license, 1882	100 00
" I. W. Sprague, license, 1882	100 00
" Town of Groton, for scholars sent to Nos. 3 and 10.	27 50
" Overseers of Poor	493 10
" Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license	2 00
" T. A. Bean, janitor to April 1, 1882	4 00
" John Feeney, janitor to Feb. 10, 1882	29 00
Amount carried forward	$13,216 52

Amount brought forward	$13,216 52
" John Lanktree, collector, 1880, in full	68 02
" I. E. Day, collector, 1881, in part	1,559 33
" " " 1882, before October 6th	9,116 08
" " " 1882, " December 6th	1,816 05
" " " 1882, after " "	949 95
	$26,725 95

The Treasurer has made payments, for which proper vouchers have been exhibited, as follows:

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest	$9,634 17	
State tax for 1882	1,240 00	
County tax for 1882	467 33	
State Treasurer, 25 % on licenses	62 50	
Overseers of Poor, by orders	2,029 76	
Orders for incidental and other expenses	6,289 80	
On account of schools	3,533 63	
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer	3,468 76	
		$26,825 95

LIABILITIES.

Notes held by Worcester Co. Institution for Savings	$8,000 00
Accrued interest on above notes	76 00
Balance of appropriation for schools, unexpended	1,236 85
	$9,312 85

RESOURCES.

Due from State, aid to soldiers' famil's, 1882.	$330 00	
" " " aid to indigent soldiers, 1882.	244 00	
" " " balance of corp'n tax, 1882	47 12	
" " " on national bank tax	103 29	
" " I. E. Day, collector, 1881	487 29	
" " " " 1882	2,112 69	
Balance, cash in hands of Treasurer	3,468 76	
		$6,793 15

Net indebtedness of the town, February 10, 1883	$2,519 70
" " " " " " 11, 1882	6,365 06
Decrease of liabilities	$3,845 36

CYRUS HAMLIN,
J. MURRAY CHAMBERLIN,
WILLIAM E. FROST,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

THE SELECTMEN PRESENT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

Finding a balance in the Treasury, more than sufficient to meet any immediate liabilities, the Treasurer, with our approval, made arrangements with the Worcester County Institution for Savings, to receive in December last, the amount of one note for $2,000, coming due the 28th of May next, thereby saving to the town five months' interest.

The next note, held by the Worcester County Institution for Savings, will not become due till May 28, 1884, hence it seems the amount of money to be raised by taxation, for "town debts and charges," the current year, may be some $2,000 less than for the year 1882, which was $6,500. We make this recommendation in view of the fact that an effort has been made whereby the town might take up one or more of the notes now held by the Worcester County Institution for Savings, but they will not allow us to anticipate the payment, unless we consent to pay them one per cent. per annum, for the time the notes would have to run. Hence we cannot pay off any note before May 28, 1884, unless we pay the premium required; which we respectfully submit for your consideration.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

WESTFORD, FEB. 16, 1883.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report:

Value of real estate, May 1, 1882		$846,336 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1882		152,485 00
Tax on one hundred dollars		1 35
Amount raised to defray town debts and charges		6,500 00
" " for schools		3,500 00
" " for roads and bridges		2,000 00
" " for wall at east burying ground		350 00
" " for books for library		150 00
State tax		1,240 00
County tax		467 33
Overlayings		313 29
Number of polls	530	
" dwelling houses	429	
" horses	321	
" cows	630	
" sheep	16	

ASAPH B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,
Assessors of Westford.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending March 1st, 1882	$50 00	
February 11, Entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with treasurer.	3 50	
September 8, Time and expense insuring school houses	1 50	
September 14, Time and expense insuring town house	1 50	
		$56 50

TOWN CLERK.

Joseph B. Heald, salary as town clerk	$12 00	
Going to Groton to count votes	2 50	
Copying for town report	1 50	
Recording thirty-three births	16 50	
Recording thirty-seven deaths	5 70	
Recording twenty-six marriages	3 90	
Postage and express	3 82	
		$45 92

SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, Salary	$5 00	
Making out monthly State aid returns under Chapters 252 and 301, Acts 1879	8 00	
Making out monthly State aid book	3 00	
Making out register of voters	2 00	
Making out town report	5 00	
Making out fire insurance report	1 00	
Making out dog warrant	1 00	
Time spent in looking after repairs on roads	20 00	
Extra time as selectman	20 00	
Car fare while attending to town business	5 00	
		$70 00

Albert P. Richardson, Salary	$5 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads	20 00	
Extra time as selectman	15 00	
		$40 00
Arthur Wright, salary	$5 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads	8 00	
Extra time as selectman	15 00	
		$28 00

ASSESSORS.

Henry Chamberlin, twenty days' work taking invoice and making taxes	$50 00	
		$50 00
Asaph B. Cutter, eighteen and a half days' work taking invoice and making taxes	$46 25	
		$46 25
William L. Kittredge, seventeen days' work taking invoice and making taxes	$42 50	
William L. Kittredge, for printed notices	1 25	
For express and postage	25	
		$44 00

TAX COLLECTOR.

Isaac E. Day, collecting $13,977.38 at 9 mills	$125 80	
" " dog tax	10 00	
		$135 80

CONSTABLES.

Paid Isaac E. Day, for posting warrants for three town meetings	$12 00	
		12 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edwin R. Hodgman, care of schools for third term of 1881 and 1882	$50 00	
Edwin R. Hodgman, making annual report	10 00	
Making school returns	1 50	
Services as secretary of the board	1 00	
Examining teachers	1 00	
Express	50	
Expense in going for teacher and distributing school books	3 00	
J. S. Moulton, care of schools for spring term of 1882	50 00	
J. S. Moulton, care of schools for fall term ending November 17	50 00	
J. S. Moulton, desk books for teachers	5 50	
		$172 50

ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

March.	By order	$138 00	
April.	"	142 48	
May.	"	249 79	
"	"	350 00	
July.	"	200 95	
August.	"	161 52	
October.	"	191 41	
November.	"	203 22	
December.	"	7 12	
January.	"	216 27	
"	"	169 00	
			$2,029 76

EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SERVICES OF LIBRARIAN.

Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian in February and March	$9 17	
Clara M. Wiley, express on public documents	20	
April, Paid Directors of library	21 19	
Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for April and May	12 00	
Aug., Paid Directors of library	83 43	
Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for June and July	12 00	
Oct., Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for August and September	12 00	
Nov., Paid Directors of library	101 42	
Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for October and November	12 00	
H. C. Church, record book	1 50	
Feb., Clara M. Wiley, services as librarian for December and January	12 00	
H. C. Church, for twenty pounds paper	2 20	
Feb., Paid Directors of library	89 75	
Stone, Bacheller & Livingston, printing 400 copies appendix	6 50	
Stone, Bacheller & Livingston printing 500 book labels	1 75	
		$377 11

TOWN HOUSE.

EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

Feb. 15, W. W. Johnson, for 15½ ft. wood	$10 17	
March, F. W. Howe, sawing wood in February	2 50	
		$12 67
Amount carried forward		$12 67

Amount brought forward		$12 67
Mar., T. A. Bean, services as janitor for February,	7 00	
Whithed & Co., for 1350 lbs. stove coal	5 23	
" " 8,960 " broken coal	33 60	
Cartage of coal	3 87	
April, T. A. Bean, services as janitor for March	7 00	
John M. Fletcher, 30 gallons of kerosene oil	4 50	
" ½ doz. lamp chimneys	50	
July, John Feeney, services as janitor for April, May and June	21 00	
October, John Feeney, services as janitor for July, August and September	21 00	
John M. Fletcher, for 6½ ft. wood	4 88	
" for oil	70	
Nov., Whithed & Co., 6,210 lbs. coal	21 74	
Cartage of coal	2 33	
J. H. Wilson, sawing wood	1 65	
Jan., W. W. Johnson, 7 ft. wood	3 63	
John Feeney, services as janitor for October, November, December	21 00	
Feb., J. H. Wilson, cutting wood	3 00	
Clara M. Wiley, for two cords of wood	10 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for wicks and chimney	4 63	
" for 40 gallons K. oil	6 80	
		$184 06
		$196 73

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Received from State, for armory rent	$175 00	
" " T. A. Bean, janitor	4 00	
" " John Feeney, "	29 00	
		$208 00

PRINTING.

Paid Marden & Rowell, printing school reports	$26 50	
J. A. Cameron, printing notices for Assessors	1 25	
Campbell & Hanscom, printing notices for Assessors	1 75	
Bacheller & Dumas, printing and binding 10 tax books	10 00	
Stone, Bacheller & Livingston, printing tax bills	3 00	
Circulars	2 50	
700 town reports	75 45	
8 order books	4 25	
One three-quire book	2 50	
State aid blanks	2 75	
Blanks for numbering scholars	2 25	
Bill-heads, blanks, notices, envelopes, &c.	21 77	
		$153 97

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid John S. D'Evelyn, for services auditing Overseers' accounts	$ 3 75	
Railroad freight on 150 stools for town house	4 78	
John M. Fletcher, for appraising property at town farm in Feb., 1882	2 00	
John M. Fletcher, for blank book	40	
T. A. Blodgett, appraising property at town farm in 1881–82	4 00	
A. P. Richardson, attending 23 funerals with hearse	34 50	
A. P. Richardson, teaming stools from depot to town house	1 00	
Express charges	1 90	
For stencil for town	75	
For ink and ink-stands for town house	2 75	
First parish, for use of bell for year ending March, 1882	7 50	
Express charges on printers' proofs of town report, including charge from depot	2 15	
Express on bundles of town reports, including charge from depot	70	
One telephone message to Lowell	30	
J. W. Haskell, for keys for town safe	4 80	
H. H. Wilder, boiler for town house kitchen	2 25	
Daniel Falls, express charges, &c	1 90	
Adams & Co., for 150 stools for town house	45 00	
J. A. Healey, for taking care of Michael Hoar two nights previous to his committal to Worcester Insane Asylum	4 00	
A. W. Cummings, appraising property at town farm 1880–81–82	6 00	
John M. Fletcher, for ½ dozen round-pointed shovels	6 25	
John M. Fletcher, for ½ dozen steel road rakes	3 00	
Union Society, for use of bell for year ending March, 1882	7 50	
Marshall & Hamblett, for professional services for year 1881	50 00	
C. E. Adams, lock for town house outside door	2 50	
Express charges from Keene, N. H., on two scraper-plates	1 50	
for blotting-blocks	35	
C. E. Adams, for seven keys for outside door of town house	1 00	
		$202 53
Amount carried forward		$202 53

Amount brought forward		$202 53
Paid Expense for committing insane to hospital at Worcester, not reimbursed by the County	7 80	
Josiah Vose, for gravel for swamp road	10 00	
Express	20	
For mending chair for town house	25	
Charles E. Adams, for cord for window weight	45	
Express on package from Ayer	25	
Charles Whidden, for telephoning on town business	1 20	
Humphrey Machine Co., two scraper-plates	12 00	
J. T. Colburn, work at west burying ground	6 50	
Alvan Fisher, balance of appropriation granted by the town in 1879 to aid in publishing a history of the town	100 00	
Nelson Tuttle, repairs on road scraper	5 50	
Fiske & Spalding, for glass for town house	1 43	
John M. Fletcher, for wardrobe hooks and screws	72	
E. A. Stevens, repairs at town house	1 15	
E. G. Nutting, work at north burying ground	5 00	
Samuel M. Hutchins, work at east burying ground	3 00	
F. O. Decatur, as per bill	35 96	
Charles W. Blood, for tin cases for documents in town safe	8 40	
Town clerk of Groton, for certificate	25	
Edward A. Hamlin, for attendance at court at Cambridge in Hittinger case	4 20	
Edward A. Hamlin, for attendance at hearing before County Commisioners in Hittinger case, on abatement of tax	4 50	
Wm. M. Lee, setting guide posts	1 00	
Joseph B. Heald, M. D., affidavits in case of Mrs. George O. Wright and Ephraim Buttrick	4 20	
Dr. Hartwell of Ayer, affidavit in case of Mrs. George O. Wright, including Justice's fee	2 25	
Alvan Fisher, for land taken for road repairs	25 00	
Wm. L. Kittredge, expenses in attending hearing before County Commissioners in case of Hittinger	2 50	
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	45 12	
F. P. Coggeshall, for one box of rubber bands	1 00	
Humphrey Machine Co., for one casting	1 10	
		$290 93
		$493 46

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND EXPENSE OF BOOKS, ETC., FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

School House No. 1.

Paid for putting up stove	$1 17	
E. A. Stevens, setting glass, &c., in August	2 68	
" " " " in October	62	
Wright & Fletcher, for brooms, bell, &c.	1 30	
" " " for ink and crayons	1 20	
" " " for arithmetic and speller	75	
		$7 72

School House No. 2.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for crayons	$ 43	
" " " for pail, brush, etc.,	1 15	
" " " for geography, reader, etc.	4 38	
" " " for glass	45	
		$6 41

School House No. 3.

Paid for repairs on desk	$1 20	
" " " chairs	1 30	
C. W. Blood, for stove pipe, zinc, labor, etc.	11 57	
Arthur Wright, for two readers	1 25	
" " for broom and pail	60	
" " for two spellers	50	
" " for crayons	60	
Wright & Fletcher, for geography and reader	95	
		$17 97

School House No. 4.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for crayons, ink and paper	$ 90	
" " " for reader, etc.	1 18	
		$2 08

School House No. 5.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for crayons aud broom	$1 40	
" " " for dust-pans, dipper, etc	60	
" " " for mug, pail, etc.	48	
" " " for brush, etc	45	
		$2 93

School House No. 6.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for crayons	$ 60	
" " " for brooms	60	
" " " for reader	83	
		$2 03
Amount carried forward		$39 14

Amount brought forward		$39 14
SCHOOL HOUSE No. 7.		
Paid Wm. C. Edwards, for repairs	$8 15	
		8 15
SCHOOL HOUSE No. 8.		
Paid for putting up stove	$1 17	
Hiram Dane, for slating black-board	3 00	
Arthur Wright, for crayons	20	
Wright & Fletcher, for speller	50	
		4 87
SCHOOL HOUSE No. 9.		
Paid for reseating two chairs	$1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for crayons and broom	75	
		1 75
SCHOOL HOUSES Nos. 10 AND 11, GRANITEVILLE.		
1882.		
Paid James Carmichael, for setting glass	$2 50	
For putting up stove	1 16	
S. Randlett, for repairs	1 25	
H. D. Pierce, for cutting brush	1 00	
Arthur Wright, for crayons	80	
" for geography and readers	2 86	
" for pencils	68	
" for brooms, pails, etc	1 76	
		12 01
Total expense for twelve schools		$65 92

The school committee found it necessary to furnish the upper room in the school house at Forge Village, owing to the increase in the number of scholars. The expense of furniture and labor has been as follows:

Paid A. G. Whitcomb, for 42 No. 1 desks	$157 50	
" for one chair	1 25	
" for one teacher's desk	14 00	
" for two settees	6 40	
		$179 15
Paid E. A. Stevens, for labor putting in furniture	4 00	
Freight bill for furniture	2 67	
William C. Edwards, two days' labor	5 50	
Expense in procuring furniture and carting to school house	6 00	
		$18 17
		$197 32

EXPENSE OF PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

By vote of town, passed March, 1882, the Selectmen were authorized to paint school houses Nos. 1, 7 and 9. Proposals were

received for doing the work by the yard, the town to furnish the stock. The work was awarded George B. Hildreth, and the following is the expense incurred:

School House No. 1.

Measured 822 yards, @ 4 cts. per yard	$32 88	
Extra work setting glass	75	
Cost of stock bought of Wright & Fletcher	41 19	
		$74 82

School House No. 7.

Measured 350 yards, @ 4 cts. per yard	$14 00	
Painting blinds	2 00	
Paid Wright & Fletcher, for stock	21 26	
		$37 26

School House No. 9.

Measured 350 yards, @ 4 cts. per yard	$14 00	
Painting blinds	2 00	
Setting glass	75	
Paid Wright & Fletcher, for stock	25 29	
		$42 04
Paid E. A. Stevens, for measuring surface of school houses Nos. 1, 7 and 9	$4 25	
		$4 25

The following is the expense of painting the fence about the Common, the work being done by the day:

Paid George B. Hildreth, for labor	$27 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for stock	22 27	
		$49 27
		$207 64

STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS,

As authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

1882.		
Paid January	$43 00	
February	43 00	
March	54 00	
April	51 00	
May	46 00	
June	46 00	
July	38 00	
August	38 00	
September	27 00	
October	27 00	
November	35 00	
December	40 00	
		$488 00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES,

As authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

1882.		
Paid January	$41 00	
February	27 00	
March	27 00	
April	27 00	
May	27 00	
June	27 00	
July	27 00	
August	27 00	
September	27 00	
October	27 00	
November	27 00	
December	27 00	
		$338 00

STATE AID.

Expense incurred in looking up soldiers' settlements.

Paid G. T. Day, going to Springfield, Westfield, Lee and Attleboro', to look up settlements of soldiers claiming aid, expense as follows:		
Car fare	$6 75	
Hotel bill	3 75	
Two days' time	4 00	
		$14 50
Paid G. T. Day, going to Millville in case of Thos. Lawler, as follows:		
Car fare to Blackstone and return	$4 50	
Carriage hire from Blackstone to Millville and return	2 00	
Certificate of Physician	2 00	
Time and expense	3 00	
		$11 50
		$26 00

REPAIRS ON ROADS.

The Selectmen, being authorized by the Town to expend, as Highway Surveyors, the sum of $2,000 for repairs of roads and bridges, report as follows :

Paid George Hutchins, for cutting brush	$4 50	
" for putting up railing on swamp road	5 25	
		$9 75
Amount carried forward		$9 75

Amount brought forward		$9 75
Paid George Hutchins, for shovelling gravel	2 25	
Harry Turner, in June	22 26	
Dennis Casey, in July	34 59	
Joseph Allard, April, May and June	70 54	
William Reed, 2d	23 28	
John Hickey	5 64	
Dennis Casey	18 15	
Harry Turner	33 90	
William Reed, 2d	34 25	
James Dubey	12 00	
Levi Lamotte	8 22	
Cyrus Hamlin	31 50	
William Reed, 2d	10 96	
Joseph Allard	20 90	
Dennis McCarthy	2 20	
C. O'Brien, mowing brush	17 88	
Joseph Allard	12 25	
James Hildreth	19 10	
Albert King	17 83	
Joseph Allard	6 18	
James O'Brien	53 16	
A. P. Richardson	3 85	
Hammett D. Wright, for covering stone for bridge near Dennis McCarthy's	6 00	
Peter Lord	3 74	
Albert King, for October and November	40 41	
Saul Lord	16 44	
Levi Lamotte	13 70	
Joseph Allard	2 33	
Daniel Ward	3 75	
H. D. Pierce, with town teams	282 81	
Angus McDonald, repairing bridge	4 75	
William M. Lee, repairing bridge and furnishing stone	7 00	
Alber tKing	9 59	
Levi Lamotte	16 71	
William Reed, 2d	7 75	
Saul Lord	54 45	
Levi Lamotte	10 00	
G. T. Day, for man and team in May and June	3 63	
George S. Frederick, mowing brush	1 50	
C. R. P. Decatur	1 50	
Charles McCarthy, work in 1881	5 00	
H. D. Pierce, with man and town teams	515 71	
		$1,467 66
		$1,477 41

NEW ROAD AT GRANITEVILLE.

At a town meeting, held in August, 1882, the town voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, in favor of laying out a new road in Graniteville, as petitioned for by F. G. Sargent and others, and the expense has been as follows :

Paid H. D. Pierce with town teams, and Allard, Lamotte and others	$130 00	
		$130 00

EXPENSE OF BREAKING ROADS DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1882.

March, T. C. Reed	$ 2 25	
Feb., W. W. Johnson	13 80	
March, John A. Haley	1 80	
Feb., Henry Chamberlin	6 75	
March, C. A. Wright	7 15	
" George H. Hartford	5 47	
" L. O. Butterfield	6 72	
Feb., William Reed	18 00	
" J. O. Wright	2 25	
March, James O'Brien	21 25	
Feb., John Flynn	1 50	
" John H. Horan	2 00	
" John Wilson	4 60	
March, W. W. Johnson	3 25	
" Gilmer Stone	2 80	
" Edward E. Wright	1 35	
" Stephen E. Hutchins and others	15 45	
" Edwin E. Heywood and others	32 70	
" Samuel M. Hutchins	1 60	
" Julian Hildreth	34 20	
" George E. Gould	22 50	
" William Symmes	80	
Feb., C. H. Wright	2 74	
" O. and E. Coolidge	5 50	
" J. H. Whitney	5 85	
" Otis Keyes and sons	9 90	
" Frank C. Wright	1 20	
" Samuel L. Taylor and others	38 10	
" George Hutchins and others	46 65	
" Joseph H. Wilson	2 03	
" N. B. Blood	2 17	
March, John Murphy	60	
" William M. Vose	7 95	
" Francis Caldwell	1 65	
		$332 53
Amount carried forward		$332 53

Amount brought forward		$332 53
Feb., John Wayne	12 37	
March, Ai Bicknell	3 05	
" T. C. Reed	2 70	
" Samuel Humiston	1 80	
" Henry D. Pierce and town teams	57 93	
" William C. Edwards	23 55	
" John W. Day	14 00	
" Allen R. Perham	27 89	
" James Hildreth	30 00	
" Fletcher Brothers	17 25	
" A. P. Richardson	4 60	
" William Agnew	4 80	
" George P. Wright	2 00	
" Merrick Reed	1 20	
" William Reed, 2d	2 85	
" Frank W. Bannister	3 37	
Feb. and March, George T. Day, men and oxen	16 70	
March, Frank Goss	1 25	
" William Reed, 2d	2 25	
Feb., T. A. Blodgett	6 60	
March, C. Murphy	3 45	
" J. W. Blodgett	3 97	
" M. F. Downs	24 45	
" P. Shugrue	13 65	
Feb., J. T. Colburne	2 00	
" Asaph B. Cutter	3 00	
" S. B. Grey	1 65	
		$288 33
		$620 86

At the last March meeting the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $350.00, for the completion of the wall at the East Burying Ground, and the Selectmen have incurred the following expense in completing the wall:

Paid George Yapp, for laying 54½ perch of stone.	$68 12	
" for setting capping	5 45	
" for extra work setting posts, pointing wall and lowering ledge	27 62	
Paid Hammett D. Wright, for 580 ft. capping @ 30 cts	174 00	
Paid Hammett D. Wright, for two posts, hammered	24 00	
Paid Thaddeus A. Blodgett, for splitting stone for wall	26 75	
Paid Thomas E. Symmes, for surveying wall	1 00	
Town teams and men	113 00	
		$439 94

At a special meeting of the Town held August 26, 1882, a vote was passed, authorizing the Selectmen to cause a well to be dug at the Town House. Proposals were received for doing the work, and the contract was awarded to Dennis McCarthy, at the following rates: $3.50 per foot for earth work and $7.00 per foot for ledge work, the Town to furnish stone for well delivered on the ground. After digging about eighteen feet, a strong spring was struck, which flooded the well so that it became necessary to pump almost continually to enable the men to work. Feeling it was essential to sink the well to such a depth as would give a permanent supply of water, the Selectmen incurred the expense of employing parties to keep the well free from water, so the work could go on till a proper depth was reached. The expense has been as follows:

Paid Dennis McCarthy, for earth and ledge work.	$147 32	
A. P. Richardson, for work at well.....	3 00	
Ai Bicknell, for work at well.....	75	
J. H. Wilson, for work at well.....	6 15	
Thaddeus A. Blodgett, for splitting stone....	10 00	
H. M. Hutchins, for work pumping.....	41 00	
G. T. Day, for 1½ day's time, for man and oxen	5 00	
Paid G. T. Day, for split stone.....	2 50	
For work of Town team.....	6 00	
T. A. Bean, assisting in cleaning out well...	2 50	
George H. Holt, for pump, cement, chestnut plank, cleaning out well, etc.....	27 04	
		$251 26

By vote of the town passed at the last March meeting, the Selectmen were authorized and instructed to cause a well to be dug at the Center School House. Proposals were received and the work was awarded to Dennis McCarthy, at the following rates: $3.50 per foot for earth work, and $5.00 per foot for ledge work. The expense is as follows:

Paid Dennis McCarthy, for 9 ft. earth work.....	$31 50	
" " for 11 ¼ ft. ledge work....	56 25	
For work of town teams.....	4 00	
Edward E. Wright, assisting in cleaning out well.....	90	
George H. Holt, pump, chestnut plank, cement, labor building platform, cleaning out well, &c.....	22 35	
		$115 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Moses B. Ford	$4 46	
Richard Billings	2 00	
Sherman L. Prescott	3 17	
Isaac G. Minot, error	58	
		$10 21

SUMMARY.

	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.
Town Officers	$ 380 67	$ 439 47	$ 436 81	$ 380 16	$ 345 32	$ 375 97	$ 427 44	$ 944 24	$ 456 87	$ 412 79	$ 351 02
Tax Collector and Constables	147 80	143 39	178 40	141 55	147 98	152 34	116 28	150 00	161 74	160 00	107 00
School Committee	172 50	166 33	168 25	164 75	170 00	183 40	254 50	197 00	190 00	105 00	100 00
Town Library	377 11	536 38	319 20	340 05	299 49	336 28	243 21	277 58	328 00	262 27	287 54
Town House	196 73	175 84	183 45	171 12	166 47						
Printing	153 97	142 95	126 90	119 75	110 68	179 85	110 45	204 00	135 00	83 00	150 00
School Houses	65 92	190 55	170 96	164 91	118 35	189 36	204 42	584 00	90 00	6,377 70	3,233 02
Incidental Expenses	493 46	508 27	500 42	460 07	870 71	897 11	531 03	1,315 61	966 07	2,424 67	1,441 97
State Aid	338 00	363 00	427 50	360 00	533 50	414 00	472 00	492 00	620 00	696 00	612 00
State Aid to Indigent Soldiers and Expenses	514 00	387 40	449 00	229 70	374 40						
Roads and Bridges	1,477 41	1,552 07	1,504 19	1,454 98	1,871 82	1,808 13	2,244 85	1,957 54	2,426 93	2,320 12	2,192 14
New Road at Graniteville	130 00	164 00	170 88	69 00	99 47						
Breaking Roads	620 86	420 00	70 86	239 22	140 26						
Overseers of Poor	2,029 76	2,147 94	1,680 66	1,913 32	1,561 39	2,331 00	3,418 00	1,907 50	2,142 00	2,000 00	2,777 00
Abatement of Taxes	10 21	266 44	231 86	216 45	151 45	224 28	98 47	883 42	444 03	197 60	112 18
Painting School Houses, etc.	207 64		28 38	189 10							
School Furniture, etc.	197 32		306 90								
Town House Well	251 26		216 75								
School House Well	115 00		3,662 64								
Wall at East Burying Ground	439 94	364 30	1,179 97								
	$8,319 56		$12,021 98		$6,614 13						

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 10, 1883.

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

February 10, 1883	$2,812 35
February 3, 1882	2,770 04
Gain on personal property	$42 31

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's Books.

Received for milk	$527 63
for cider	38 07
for beef	28 51
for calves	44 00
for hog	20 50
for pork	39 23
for pigs	58 00
for onions	45 73
for beets	4 07
for apples	33 00
for turnips	25
for peas	4 22
for cabbages	3 32
for pop corn	1 50
for vegetables	2 68
for work off the farm	164 75
for work on roads	1,009 93
for potatoes	13 90
for butter	50
for cheese	5 23
Amount carried forward	$2,045 02

Amount brought forward	$2,045 02
Received for eggs	1 48
for chickens	11 47
for cranberries	61 65
for hide and tallow	10 65
for soap grease	25
for bull	25 00
for string of gold beads	2 00
for stove	10 00
for butchering	1 00
for board for Betsey Hildreth	21 00
Cash on hand at last settlement	220 23
Received from H. D. Pierce, master of almshouse	65 00
Gain on personal property	42 31
	$2,517 06

PAYMENTS.

Paid for labor	$581 97
for harness work	14 75
for blacksmith work	78 34
for putting in pump	17 00
for work on farm	33 11
for mending tin ware	40
for weighing hay	1 35
for fixing mowing machine and express	5 50
for fixing stove	3 45
John P. Green	6 75
for butchering	4 50
for groceries	120 95
for sugar	3 19
for butter	72 63
for fish	7 44
for cheese	6 89
for crackers	35 66
for potatoes	4 50
for beans	3 60
for tomatoes	70
for currants	20
for meat	89 80
for tripe	40
for turkeys	7 49
for rye meal	75
for grain	646 10
for middlings	7 17
for hay	145 30
for plow points	2 58
for cross bar	75
Amount carried forward	$1,903 22

Amount brought forward		$1,903 22
Paid for bit stocks		1 75
for bits		97
for iron		1 50
for medicine		5 25
for tin ware		1 80
for slop pail		1 00
for paint brush		10
for knives and forks		1 50
for milk can		1 25
for broom		45
for car fare,		70
for feed baskets		4 75
for wheel-barrow		3 00
for cabbage plants		1 00
for watering pot		1 00
for crockery		25
for combs		15
for sofa		3 00
for bedstead		1 00
for sieve		1 00
for ladder		2 00
for cradle		50
for paper		25
for account book		1 00
for syringe		1 50
for well stone		3 00
for berries		1 20
for soap		5 85
for bull		20 00
for cow		36 00
for Betsey Hildreth's funeral expenses		17 00
E. Tower, for doctoring horse		2 50
for clothes for inmates		4 41
for goods		235 20
for board for child		3 00
for bed bug poison		2 50
Overseers of the Poor		65 00
H. D. Pierce, for services as master of almshouse		350 00
J. Feeney, as per bill		15 24
J. A. Walkden, as per bill		14 70
A. Wright, for coal		10 69
A. Wright, for goods		60 83
J. B. Heald, M. D., as per bill		10 50
		$2,797 51
Deduct proceeds sold from the farm	$2,517 06	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	59 02	
Amounts carried forward	$2,576 08	$2,797 51

Amounts brought forward	$2,576 08	$2,797 51
The expense of keeping 113 tramps	28 25	
		$2,604 33
Leaves as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the almshouse		$193 18

COST OF SUPPORTING POOR

Outside of the Almshouse.

Paid Town of Groton for Edward Holt	$145 25
Burial expenses of Jacob Reed	18 00
J. R. Whitney, for expenses of Jacob Reed	10 00
Union Grocery Co., for goods for Emily Lew	5 00
Geo. W. Stearns, M. D., for attendance on Mrs. Holt.	19 00
Bickford & Son, for goods for Furbush Pike	8 00
Town of Littleton, for Wm. Nichols	34 35
Treasurer of Lunatic Asylum at Worcester, for A. H. Woodward, Rufus Keyes, T. W. Dupee, George O. Wright and Mary E. Wright	736 41
A. Wright, for goods for C. H. Spaulding	44 00
A. Wright, for goods for J. Davie	46 00
J. B. Heald, M. D., as per bill	49 50
J. W. Day, for moving J. Larkin	7 00
City of Lowell, for aid rendered J. Larkin	9 00
City of Lowell, for aid rendered Mrs. Henry Nutting	12 00
Wright & Fletcher, for goods delivered Emily Lew	35 00
David Reed, for services as Overseer of the Poor	10 00
David Reed, for time and expense in the Callahan case.	9 00
David Reed, for car fare	1 40
E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Groton to see about E. Holt and family, and bringing them to the almshouse	4 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in the Callahan case.	1 50
E. Prescott, for time and expense about Mrs. O'Brine.	2 50
E. Prescott, for time and expense in going to Worcester about the case with the town of Gardner	4 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in investigating the Watson case, as per bill	18 90
E. Prescott, for services as Overseer of the Poor	7 00
E. Prescott, for making report to Board of State Charities	2 50
E. Prescott, for postage stamps and stationery	1 50
A. Fisher, for time and expense in going to Lowell to see about the Nutting children	3 00
A. Fisher, for making out report to town	5 00
A. Fisher, for services as Overseer of Poor	10 00
Amount carried forward	$1,256 81

Amount brought forward		$1,256 81
Received from town of Bridgewater	$49 16	
" " town of Chelmsford	22 00	
" " city of Lowell	38 00	
" " Annie Callahan	54 68	
" " State—aid to indigent soldiers	234 00	
		$397 84
Expense of the poor outside the almshouse		$858 97

STATEMENT

Of the Expenses of the Poor above the Income of the Farm.

Cash drawn from the town treasurer by orders		$2,029 76
Received from Bridgewater		49 16
" " Chelmsford		22 00
" " city of Lowell		38 00
" " Annie Callahan		54 68
" " State—aid to indigent soldiers		234 00
Cash on hand at last settlement		9 77
Due A. Wright, for goods		125 01
		$2,562 38
Due from city of Lowell	$ 5 01	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	59 02	
Cash in Overseers' hands	105 78	
Cash paid Treasurer, work of Mr. Pierce	443 94	
		$613 75
Cost of Supporting the Poor, exclusive of interest on the farm		$1,948 63
Number receiving two meals and lodging		113
" supported in Almshouse		12
Average number		$5\frac{42}{52}$
Number receiving aid outside of the Almshouse		24

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ALVAN FISHER,
DAVID REED,
Overseers of the Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LOWELL, MASS., February 17, 1883.

GENTLEMEN — I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor, including the accounts kept by the Master of the Almshouse, for the year 1882–3, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN S. D'EVELYN,

Auditor.

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT THE ALMSHOUSE IN WESTFORD, 1883.

4 horses	$700 00
8 cows	320 00
1 hog	30 00
6 pigs	27 00
6 harnesses	160 00
2 horse blankets	7 75
1 buffalo robe	1 00
Curry combs and brushes	1 50
1 string bells	75
7 tons English hay	147 00
5 tons meadow hay	40 00
¾ ton corn fodder	9 00
800 lbs. meal	10 80
200 lbs. cracked corn	3 70
2 bushels oats	1 20
100 lbs. shorts	1 00
4 bushels corn on ear	3 00
15 bushels pop corn	22 50
12 feed boxes	3 00
8 meal bags	1 25
5 sacks	75
4 feed baskets	5 00
1 set measures	1 50
1½ bushels beans	4 13
2 water pots	1 00
9 tie chains	1 80
7 hay forks	2 45
1 wind mill	4 00
1 corn sheller	4 00
1 hay cutter	1 00
2 manure forks	2 00
2 manure hooks	1 25
13 shovels and spades	6 50
3 hoes	1 00
8 iron rakes	2 40
2 picks	1 50
2 bog hoes	1 50
2 monkey wrenches and hammers	1 50
3 axes	2 00
3 drills	2 00
5 iron bars	5 00
1 bushel peas	2 00
2 bushels salt	1 40
Amount carried forward	$1,546 13

Amount brought forward	$1,546 13
6 baskets	1 50
4 corn knives	40
2 sickles	50
1 apple picker	25
1 whip	50
Ladders and hooks	8 50
1 horse rake	29 00
1 drag rake	50
1 hand rake	50
1 grain cradle	2 00
1 4-horse sled	25 00
1 horse sled	13 00
4 horse carts	150 00
1 farm wagon	70 00
2 horse wagons	40 00
1 hay wagon	25 00
1 wheel-barrow	3 00
2 drags	10 00
6 chains	6 00
Neck-yoke and eveners	12 00
1 wagon jack	2 00
2 water tubs	75
2 turkeys	3 50
25 fowls	15 00
30 cords wood	90 00
800 lbs. coal	2 80
1 grindstone	2 00
3 harrows	10 00
5 plows	25 00
6 scythe snaths and scythes	4 50
1 mowing machine	15 00
1 cultivator	3 00
Shafts and axle	2 00
1 dirt scraper	6 00
2 yokes	1 50
1 meal chest	1 00
Carpenter's tools	10 00
1 garden hoe	65
Old iron	1 00
1 rifle	50
Wood saws	3 00
1 cheese press	2 00
Amount carried forward	$2,144 98

Amount brought forward..	$2,144 98
20 flour barrels	4 00
1 M. shingles	4 00
Beetle rings and wedges	1 00
1 copper kettle	2 00
2 cranberry rakes	3 00
Apple parers	1 00
1 washing machine	2 00
42 lbs. beef	4 20
10 lbs. sausages	1 40
11 lbs. fresh pork	1 32
60 lbs. lard	8 40
5 lbs. tallow	40
125 lbs. ham	17 50
350 lbs. salt pork	42 00
10 butter tubs	50
30 lbs. butter	9 90
40 bushels potatoes	40 00
4 bushels beets	2 40
4 bushels turnips	2 40
40 lbs. dry apples	4 00
400 gallons cider	40 00
30 gallons vinegar	4 50
Apples	4 00
17 cider casks	8 50
3 wash tubs	2 00
2 pork barrels	1 00
½ bbl. soft soap	4 00
Hard soap	55
Oil and can	1 25
10 dozen candles	1 66
Candle moulds	1 50
1 pair hand-cuffs	2 00
3 pails	60
1 slop pail	1 00
3 lanterns	2 40
2 wash boilers	3 50
1 pair steelyards	2 50
1 clothes wringer	6 00
1 clothes dryer	1 00
1 dinner bell	75
1 cow bell	50
1 porcelain kettle	1 25
Chopping knife and tray	1 00
Crockery	10 00
Tin ware	20 00
Amount carried forward...	$2,417 86

Amount brought forward...	$2,417 86
Earthen pots	1 25
Brooms	1 50
1 mop	25
Glass ware	4 00
3 clothes lines	2 00
Jugs	1 25
Knives, forks and spoons	5 00
5 lamps	2 00
7 flat-irons	2 00
¾ lb. tobacco	50
3 lbs. sugar	27
3 qts. molasses	48
Tea	5 00
Spices	75
2 lbs. saleratus	16
¼ lb. cream of tartar	12
¾ barrel Haxall flour	6 57
½ barrel St. Louis flour	3 50
1 sieve	50
Stoves	34 50
Table linen and towels	4 50
30 chairs	6 00
3 rocking chairs	3 00
1 cabinet chair	2 00
8 tables	15 00
1 cradle	1 00
Window and door screen	7 00
7 looking glasses	2 00
3 shawls	2 00
Shovels and tongs	1 00
5 candle stocks	75
Bedsteads, beds and bedding	255 00
1 injection pipe	1 50
1 case of drawers and contents	2 50
10 chests	5 00
1¼ bushels cranberries	5 00
1 rubber blanket	50
1 bed pan	1 50
1 clothes basket	65
1 caster	1 00
1 sofa	3 00
1 whitewash brush	2 00
3 dozen eggs	99
	$2,812 35

THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,
Appraisers of Property at the Poor Farm.

WESTFORD, MASS., February 10, 1883.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their Twenty-Eighth Annual Report for the year ending February 10, 1883.

Number of books purchased	301
Public documents received from the State	5
" " " " " U. S	29
Other books presented	1
Whole number added during the year	336
Number of issues of books	8620
Percentage of circulation of different classes: C 4%, D 4%, E 2%, F 26%, G 52%, H 2%, I 2%, J 8%	
Whole number of books in the Library	4409

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Unexpended balance from last year's appropriation	$ 9 38
Town appropriation for new books	150 00
Dog tax appropriated	165 29
Fines	3 90
	$328 57

Expenditures.

1882.	
April 1, Willard Small, bill of books	$ 21 19
July 15, " " " " "	42 17
" " " " " " "	38 83
" " " " " " "	2 43
Oct. 10, A. Williams & Co., bill of books	99 77
" " Cash paid for two books	4 25
Nov. 6, " " " one book	3 00
1883.	
Jan. 17, A. Williams & Co., bill of books	84 75
Feb. 8, " " " "	21 75
" " Bacheller, Dumas & Co., binding books	1 35
" " Express charges for year	2 30
Amount carried forward	$321 79

Amount brought forward.....	$321 79
Balance of cash in hands of directors.....	6 78
	$328 57

We are pleased to make a favorable report of the continued usefulness of the Public Library. There are seventeen hundred and forty more issues of books this year than last, and less expense in their repair, from the care and forethought of the Librarian. Still the unavoidable wear, passing through so many hands, renders it necessary from this cause, to discard some of those especially popular. It is very desirable that the books be carefully used, and the readers are earnestly requested to avoid turning down the corners of the leaves to indicate their place. Scarcely any practice causes greater disfigurement.

To promote the continued efficiency of the Library, and retain the interest of the constantly increasing class of readers, the directors respectfully ask for an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the eusuing year.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of twenty-nine volumes of United States documents, from the Hon. Wm. A. Russell, also twelve numbers of the Unitarian Review, from the American Unitarian Association, likewise a discourse by Rev. Edward A. Horton, commemorative of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the old Meeting House at Hingham, Mass.

The list of books appended, covers the additions to the Library of the past year.

ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ELIZA A. BABBITT,
ABIEL J. ABBOT,
Directors of Public Library.

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LIST OF JURORS 1883.

The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the jury-box, subject to revision by the town:

Edward Prescott,	Gilman J. Wright,
Daniel Atwood,	Isaac E. Day,
Edward Coolidge,	Isaac P. Woods,
Ephraim A. Stevens,	James Hildreth,
George Hutchins,	Wesley O. Hawkes,
John Lanktree,	Henry Chamberlin,
Luther Wilkins,	Moses Edwards,
Reuben J. Butterfield,	Hezekiah Cummings,

Charles E. Whidden.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 19, 1883.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

At the annual meeting in March, 1882, the following article was in the warrant: "To see if the town will pass a vote, requiring the Selectmen to have printed in their next annual report, the report of the Auditor, made to the town in March, 1880."

Upon the foregoing, the following action was taken: "Voted, that the report of the Auditor, made to the town and referred back with instructions, be printed in the next annual report."

In accordance with that vote, the Selectmen have caused the following report to be printed:

LOWELL, MASS., February 20, 1880.

To George T. Day, Arthur Wright and Albert P. Richardson, Selectmen, Town of Westford, Massachusetts:

GENTLEMEN.—In compliance with your request, I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor of your town, commencing with the year 1865, up to 1879, and herewith submit the result: During the years referred to, Mr. Prescott or Mr. Hamlin (one of the two) was Chairman of the Board, and before concluding my examination, I spent two afternoons with these gentlemen, in looking over the books and giving them an opportunity to explain anything that did not appear plain.

The years 1865 to 1872, inclusive, I found correctly cast, and each item in its proper column of debit and credit.

The years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877, under Mr. Hamlin's chairmanship, are not correctly cast. The footings are made to appear at the end of each year, showing an excess of expenditures

over the receipts, when the true footings would show the amount of money received by the Board of Overseers for each of the three years to exceed the expenditures, by the following amounts :

For the year 1873	$27 66
" " " 1874	18 92
" " " 1875	52 54
" " " 1876	90 68
" " " 1877	1 69
Making a total of	$191 49

There are also two charges of $5.00 each, Feb. 25, 1878, which are previously charged under the dates March 21, 1877, and January 12, 1878. This would make a total of $201.49 due the town by the Board of Overseers for these years. On the other hand, Mr. Hamlin charged himself as having received from old Board of Overseers :

March 5, 1877	$33 25
And again, March 2, 1878	34 58
Making	$67 83

Now, as he himself was chairman of the board, during the preceding years that these two charges were made, it is evident that it must have been received from himself, and that he got mixed up some way in keeping the accounts ; therefore these sums should be deducted from the amount named ($201.49) as due the town, which would leave the net amount due by him to the town to be $133.66.

There are also two items, charged by Mr. Hamlin to the town, one of $6.00, May 15, 1877, for "work paid Mr. Bradley," and the other of $16.44, March 27, 1878, as "error in settlement," which could not be explained satisfactorily to me, but as it was likely to incur further expense in sifting the matter, I take the liberty of suggesting that these two items be dropped, provided Mr. Hamlin pays the other amount ($133.66) in such reasonable time as you may deem proper.

The year 1878, under Mr. Prescott, Chairman, I find correctly cast.

In order to avoid complications and errors in future, I would suggest that the town instruct the Selectmen to have the accounts of the Board of Overseers audited annually hereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. D'EVELYN.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 5, 1883.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX, ss.

To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford, in said County, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY required, in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the fifth day of March, being the first Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock, A. M. and closed at 1 o'clock P. M.), and to act upon the following articles, to wit:

1—To choose a Moderator.

2—To hear Report of Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.

3—To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.

4—To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, or act in relation to the same.

5—To hear Report of School Committee, and act in relation to the same.

6—To see if the Town will accept and adopt the Report of the Directors of the Town Library, or act in relation to the same.

7—To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, or act in relation to the same.

8—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at the Poor Farm, Directors of Town Library, all on one ballot.

9—To raise money to defray Town Debts and Charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

10—To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.

11—To choose a Collector of Taxes.

12—To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

13—To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.

14—To raise money to repair Roads and Bridges, and direct by whom and in what manner the same shall be expended.

15—To see if the Town will raise money to defray the expense of Breaking Roads during the year, or act in relation to the same.

16—To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.

17—To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of Ardent Spirits, or act in relation to the same.

18—To see if the Town will raise a specified sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen, in enforcing the License Law, or act in relation to the same.

19—To hear the Report of the Selectmen, on the Petition of Timothy Sullivan and others, for a Private Way in Graniteville, and act in relation to the same.

20—To hear the Report of the Selectmen, on the Petition of Edward Prescott and others, for a Private Way across land formerly owned by Jonathan Prescott, and now of Florence Sullivan, and act in relation to the same.

21—To see what action the Town will take in regard to Abram Brown's claim for damages for injuries received by his wife on the road leading to Andrew Fletcher's.

22—To see what action the Town will take in regard to a new fence at the Town House.

23—To see if the Town will vote to dig a well at School House No. 3, so called, or act in relation to the same.

24—To see if the Town will vote to dig a well at School House No. 5, so called, or act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

Town House — Westford

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

INCLUDING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TOWN CLERK, TOWN TREASURER, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1884.

ALSO,

TOWN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING, TO BE HELD MARCH 3, 1884.

LOWELL, MASS.
MORNING MAIL PRINT: NO. 18 JACKSON STREET.
1884.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD,

1883.

TOWN CLERK.

JOSEPH B. HEALD.

SELECTMEN.

GEORGE T. DAY, ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

ASSESSORS.

ASAPH B. CUTTER, HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD PRESCOTT, DAVID REED,
J. MURRAY CHAMBERLIN.

TOWN TREASURER.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL CONMITTEE.

J. Henry Read, J. Sidney Moulton,
Olive Ann Prescott, J. Murray Chamberlin,
Moses Edwards, Hezekiah Cummings.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ISAAC E. DAY.

CONSTABLES.

Isaac E. Day,
C. R. P. Decatur,
Wesley O. Hawks,
Frank O. Decatur,
William M. Lee,
William C. Edwards.

FENCE VIEWERS.

William Kittredge,
George Hutchins,
Alvin G. Polley.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM.

Artemas W. Cummings,
John M. Fletcher,
Thaddeus A. Blodgett.

LIBRARIAN.

CLARA M. WILEY.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY.

Abiel J. Abbot,
Eliza A. Babbitt,
Arthur Wright.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

John B. Fletcher,
John M. Fletcher,
Arthur Wright,
Abiel J. Abbot,
W. H. H. Burbeck,
Sherman H. Fletcher,
Nahum H. Wright,
Edward A. Hamlin,
Samuel A. Hamlin,
Jacob Smith,
George W. Heywood,
William C. Edwards,
John W. Day,
J. E. L. Hazen,
C. E. Whidden,
John A. Healy.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

Charles L. Fletcher,
Gilmer Stone,
Jacob Smith,
Thomas Drew,
George H. Prescott,
Ephraim A. Stevens,
Smith Randlett,
John B. Fletcher,
Wesley O. Hawks,
Charles E. Whidden,
Frank O. Decatur,
Gardner A. Perham,
Albert S. Reed,
William C. Edwards,
John M. Fletcher,
John A. Healy.

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

FIELD DRIVERS.

C. R. P. Decatur,
Cyrus Hamlin,
Henry A. Hildreth,
Frank L. Fletcher,
James Spinner,
C. E. Edwards,
Benjamin Palmer.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

ALLEN R. PERHAM.

MARRIAGES,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1883.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan. 4	David F. Merrill	23	Westford.	Goffstown, N. H.
	Hattie E. Whittemore	17	"	Londonderry, N.H.
Jan. 23	Henry R. Lewis	30	"	New York.
	Emily Fuller	19	"	Canada.
Apr. 21	Amos G. Naylor	24	"	England.
	Jennie L. Mason	22	E.Somerville	Vermont.
Apr. 26	Patrick Mooney	26	Westford.	
	May McGlinchy	22	"	
May 9	Thomas McCarty	30	"	Chelmsford.
	Hannah Shugrue	23	"	Lawrence.
Aug. 1	John C. Murphy	25	"	Westford.
	Nellie Dailey	24	"	Reading.
Aug. 19	Louis Schworer	24	Newton.	Boston.
	Elnora Prescott	21	Westford.	Dorchester.
Oct. 17	William R. Jones	35	Brookline.	Stockton, N. Y.
	Abbie A. Sargent	32	Westford.	Lowell.
Nov. 8	Augustine W. Carkin	25	"	Westford.
	Susie Bell	22	"	Moore's, N. Y.
Nov. 29	Charles H. Copp	55	Littleton.	Boston.
	Mrs. Abbie C. Waters	33	"	Townsend.
Nov. 29	Charles F. Shugrue	24	Westford.	Lawrence.
	Rosanna Rushworth	20	"	England.

BIRTHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1883.

DATE.		NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.	7	—— Searles.....	Samuel A. and Etta M. Searle.
"	9	Mabel Lizzie Blood.....	Charles W. and Flora B. Blood.
"	10	Archie A. Hartford....	George H. and Lizzie J. Hartford.
"	17	FredRockwood Blodgett	Josiah W. and Louise S. Blodgett.
"	22	—— Prescott.....	Eben and Josephine A. Prescott.
"	25	—— Summerfield.....	Henry and ——Summerfield.
Feb.	3	Frances C. Bannister...	Frank W. and Margaret H. Bannister.
"	7	Anna E. Castell.....	Stephen H. and Harriet A. Castell.
"	9	Anna J. Harrington....	Patrick and Mary F. Harrington.
"	18	Edward E. Decatur.....	Clarence R. P. and Addie Decatur.
Mar.	21	Ellen A. Donohue.....	Florence and Maggie Donohue.
"	24	Harriet E. Symmes.....	Thomas E. and Nancy A. Symmes.
"	27	Ruth Perham Tuttle....	Nelson L. and Lizzie M. Tuttle.
Apr.	8	John Adams Taylor....	Samuel L. and Alta M. Taylor.
"	15	Jessie Agnes Walkden..	James A. and Lydia Walkden.
"	23	Benj. F. B. Sanderson..	Andrew and Catherine A. Sanderson.
"	29	Otis Edwin White.....	William and Clara F. White.
May	5	Mary E. Constantine..	Nelson and Mary Constantine.
"	5	James T. Turner.....	Amos P. and Jennie Turner.
"	19	Marie L. Gibson.....	John and Salina Gibson.
"	25	Charles Royal Church..	Henry W. and Carrie E. Church.
"	27	—— Lewis.....	William M. and Salina M. Lewis.
"	29	—— Perron.....	Louis and Clare Perron.
June	3	Dora Smith.....	Jacob and Leah Smith.
"	7	Edwin A. Gould.....	Horace E. and Flora J. Gould.
"	15	John Jay Hardy.....	Henry and Etta L. Hardy.
"	18	—— Lackin	John and Mary Ann Lackin.
"	22	—— Lamott.....	Levi and Rosa Lamott.
"	30	Frank R. Shattuck.....	David H. and Ada F. Shattuck.
"	30	Mary Etta Kecy.....	Joseph H. and Emmeline S. Kecy.
July	26	Hattie Bell Harriss.....	David C. and Betsey J. Harriss.
Aug.	1	—— Thomas.....	William H. H. and Hannah Thomas.
"	7	Annie Ethel Casey.....	Daniel and Annie M. Casey.
"	22	Lillian E. Merrill.....	David F. and Hattie E. Merrill.
"	25	Clara Nellie Cummings.	Irving G. and Jenny D. Cummings.
"	29	Mary S. Allen.....	Frank and Haleen Allen.
"	31	William H. Wayne.....	John and Maggie Wayne.
Sept.	3	Cora Lord.....	Peter and Sophronia Lord.
"	17	John William Driscoll..	John and Mary Ann Driscoll.
Oct.	8	Alvin A. McClenna....	Alvin and Lillian McClenna.
"	17	Nellie Etta Felch.....	John P. and Ann Maria Felch.
"	19	Ward Willis Eaton.....	Samuel N. and Johanna Eaton.
"	31	Ella Townsend	William C. and Annie M. Townsend.
Nov.	8	Earnest Arthur Lewis..	Frederick A. and Linnie Lewis.
"	29	—— Noyes.....	Charles L. and Georgianna Noyes.
"	29	—— McDonald.....	Angus and Margaret E. McDonald.
"	29	John W. F. Hook.....	John and Esther R. Hook.
Dec.	2	Emily Annie Lewis.....	Henry R. and Emily Lewis.
"	11	Nathaniel R. Whitney..	Julian and Sarah Whitney.
"	16	Ralph H. Hewett.....	Charles J. and Lucy M. Hewett.

Whole number recorded, 50—Males, 25; Females, 25.

DEATHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1883.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		YEARS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Jan. 1	Permelia Hildreth	83	1	4
" 4	Calvin Howard	90	3	10
" 14	Luke L. Fletcher	50	2	9
" 17	Joseph Provost, Jr	24	9	—
" 29	Betsey Hildreth	72	10	10
Feb. 7	Lucy M. Parker	71	11	20
" 19	Betsey Livingston	86	10	11
Mar. 6	Ann Welch	54	4	16
" 9	Daniel Casey	63	—	—
" 21	Julia M. Carkin	43	7	10
Apr. 9	Sarah Prescott	80	—	—
" 17	Bridget Kenney	75	—	—
" 19	Sarah S. Dane	76	3	9
" 22	Martin Wright	76	5	—
" 25	Warren Hunt	82	2	8
May 3	James T. Turner	—	—	—
" 4	Sadie C. Howard	7	10	4
" 20	Mary A. Flynn	—	10	—
" 28	——— Perron	—	—	—
June 5	Thomas Curry	67	11	19
" 28	Lot Esty	75	—	—
" 30	Edith E. Hamlin	21	6	—
July 2	Allen Fiske	76	—	—
" 2	Lydia A. Colburn	44	6	—
" 3	Abigail Huse	65	4	3
" 25	Eunice J. Hildreth	68	9	7
" 27	Robert Walworth	12	—	—
" 28	Patrick Haley	22	—	—
Aug. 3	Oliver Provost	23	—	—
" 9	Sarah M. Parkhurst	47	3	—
" 25	John Craig	74	10	24
" 26	May Clark	—	1	14
Sep. 4	Lena Vallandry	—	3	7
Oct 11	Edward L. Flint	36	3	2
" 15	Clara Hughes	52	6	4
" 19	Alvin A. McClenna	—	—	11
Nov. 6	Mary E. Keyser	22	10	—
" 13	Minnie A. A. Hollon	20	1	18
" 26	Maria N. Brown	52	—	—
" 29	——— Noyes	—	—	—
Dec. 6	Ellen A. Donohoe	—	8	—
" 12	Martha Whidden	76	4	15
" 15	Elmira F. Hartwell	82	—	—
" 16	Sarah E. Sherman	18	—	28
" 20	James Schofield	73	9	—

Number who died in Westford 40
Number brought to Westford for burial 5

Total number recorded 45

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., Dec. 18, 1883.

Joseph B. Heald, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, Two Hundred Fifty-eight $\frac{60}{100}$ Dollars for dog licenses, for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, as per his account of 15th instant.

$258.60 AMOS STONE,

County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1883.

Abbot Worsted Co.
Abbot, A. J.
Agnew, W. 1882–3.
Andrews, E. 1882–3.
Allen, Frank
Blodgett, L. W.
Blodgett, J. W.
Blodgett, T. A.
Burke, D. 1882–3.
Buckminster, E. T.
Burnham, C. F. 1882.
Blaisdell, A. J. 1882–3.
Butterfield, L. J.
Carkin, Charles H.
Carkin, I. W.
Callahan, John
Church, H. W.
Carmichael, David
Conly, Mrs. John.
Cummings, E. M.
Carrol, Thomas
Caldwell, Otis
Chamberlin, Henry
Comey, W. S.
Constantino, Nelson
Dane, Hiram
Downs, Mathew (2)
Dunn, J. J.
Drew, Thomas
Decatur, C. R. P. 1882–3
Davis, A. S.
Dailey, P.
Day, I. E.
Day, G. T.
Drew, F. C.
Donohue, Florence 1882.
Decatur, F. O.
Decatur, J. H. 1882.
Day, J. W. 1882.
Evans, M. H. A. 1882–3
Frederick, G. S.
Fletcher, Harry
Fletcher, Andrew
Fletcher, L. T.
Fletcher, S. D.
Ford, M. B. 1882–3 (2)
Fisher, Alvan
Feeney, John
Fletcher, B. M.
Gould, G. E.
Gardner, R.
Greig, John
Harrup, Thomas
Hawkes, W. O.
Horn, George
Hill, George C.
Herbert, George
Hall, James
Hutchins, John
Hutchins, Geo. 1882–3
Hutchins, M.
Horan, Thomas
Hurd, P. H.
Holsworth, D.
Hamlin, S. A.
Hamlin, Cyrus
Ireland, G. H. 1882–3.
Keecy, Joseph
Loftus, John
Lewis, F. H. 1882–3.
Leighton, Amos
McElligott, P.
Mountain, Edward
Moore, E. A.
Martin, John
Murphy, John
Nutting, E.
Norrie, John
Nesmith, G. W. (2)
O'Brien, C.
Prescott, E. J.
Polley, A. G.
Prescott, P. B.
Prescott, Nathan
Reed, William, 1st (2)
Reed, William, 2d
Raymond, J.
Robbinson, F.
Reed, C. W.
Searles, Charles
Sullivan, F.
Shugrue, P. 1882–3
Sargent, Allan 1882–3
Swett, F. A.
Smith, Mary A.
Sweetzer, Judson
Shehan, Andrew
Sherman, D. W.
Vose, W. M.
Webster, C.
Worcester, I. S.
Wright, E. (2)
Ward, D.
Woods, I. P.
Wright & Bemis
Wall, Patrick
Whitney, E. J.
Whitney, Julian
Whitney, Hiram
Whitney, W. M.
Wilson, J. H. 1882–3.
Whiting, Mrs. S. S. (2)
York, John

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WESTFORD, February 11, 1884.

The committee appointed by the Selectmen to examine and audit the accounts of Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following report:

The Treasurer has received from all sources, including the balance in the Treasury at the last settlement, the following sums:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last settlement	$3,468 76
Cash borrowed	5,000 00
From State—balance Corporation tax, 1882, in full	47 12
" " " National Bank tax, 1882, in full	103 29
" " aid to soldiers' families, 1882	330 00
" " aid to indigent soldiers, 1882	244 00
" " corporation tax, 1883, in part	1,086 83
" " national bank tax, 1883, in full	826 36
" " school fund for 1882–3	192 49
" " rent of armory, 1883	175 00
" County Treasurer—dog tax, 1882	136 15
" " " discount on county tax, for advance payment	7 79
" I. W. Sprague, license, 1883	100 00
" George Hubbard, license, 1883	100 00
" Russell S. Stoddard, license, 1883	100 00
" M. F. Downs, license, 1883	100 00
" John Feeney, Janitor Town Hall, from Feb. 10 to Apr. 1, 1883	22 50
" Joseph H. Wilson, Janitor Town Hall to Feb. 11, 1884	34 50
" Frederick Ripley, rent of Town Hall	7 50
" John Lanktree, old fence at Town House	4 75
" F. O. Decatur, old fence at Town House	3 25
Amount carried forward	$12,100 29

Amount brought forward	$12,100 29
From A. & E. G. Spalding, old fence at Town House	5 75
" F. O. Decatur, apples from school house lot No. 1	5 25
" Dawson Pollard, scholars sent to school No. 7	7 75
" Town of Groton, scholars sent to school No. 3	28 25
" Charles A. Harris, damages to school house No. 1	1 00
" Alvan Fisher, Auctioneer's license	2 00
" Overseers of the Poor	5 01
" I. E. Day, Collector, 1881, in part	133 50
" " " " 1882, "	1,495 89
" " " " 1883, before Oct. 6	8,515 72
" " " " 1883, before Dec. 6	1,189 10
" " " " 1883, after Dec. 6	998 34
" " " " 1881–2 interest on taxes	50 00
	$24,527 85

The Treasurer has made payments, for which proper vouchers have been exhibited, as follows:

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest	$7,495 51	
State tax, 1883	975 00	
County tax, 1883	584 16	
State Treasurer, 25 per cent. on licenses	100 00	
Overseers of the poor, by orders	2,058 68	
Orders for incidental and other expenses	6,368 48	
On account of schools	3,611 70	
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer	3,334 32	
		$24,527 85

The Committee respectfully report that the following is the financial condition of the town at date:

LIABILITIES.

Notes held by Worcester County Institution for Savings,	$6,000 00
Accrued interest on above notes	57 00
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended	1,396 95
	$7,453 95

RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1883,	$ 393 00	
" " aid to indigent soldiers, 1883	233 50	
Amounts carried forward	$626 50	$7,453 95

Amounts brought forward.....	$626 50	$7,453 95
Due from State—balance of corporation tax, 1883.....	11 24	
" I. E. Day, Collector, 1881.....	353 79	
" " " " 1882.....	616 80	
" " " " 1883.....	1,914 51	
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer.....	3,334 32	
		$6,857 16
Net indebtedness of the town, Feb. 11, 1884.....		$ 596 79
" " " " " 10, 1883.....		2,519 70
Decrease of liabilities.....		$1,922 91

J. HENRY READ,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,
Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report:

Value of real estate May 1, 1883	$847,911 00
Value of personal property May 1, 1883	154,370 00
	$1,002,281 00

Amount raised for town debts and charges		$5,000 00
" " " schools		3,500 00
" " " roads and bridges		2,000 00
" " " breaking roads		600 00
" " " books for library		150 00
" " " enforcing the license law		100 00
State tax		975 00
County tax		584 16
Overlayings		334 49
Tax on one hundred dollars		1 20
Number of polls	527	
" dwelling houses	445	
" horses	333	
" cows	588	
" sheep	26	

ASAPH. B. CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,
Assessors of Westford.

Westford, Feb. 11, 1884.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending March 1st, 1883	$50 00	
February, entertainment furnished committee to reckon and settle with treasurer	3 50	
		$53 50

TOWN CLERK.

Joseph B. Heald, salary as town clerk	$12 00	
Going to Groton to count votes	2 50	
Copying for town report	2 00	
Recording fifty-four births	27 00	
Recording forty-five deaths	8 50	
Recording twelve marriages	1 80	
Postage, express and stationery	4 22	
		$58 02

SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary	$5 00	
Making out monthly State aid returns under Chapters 252 and 301, Acts 1879	6 00	
Making out monthly State aid book	6 00	
Making out town report	6 00	
Making out dog warrant	1 00	
Making out return to insurance commissioner	50	
Paid for copying register of voters as revised,	3 00	
Perambulating town lines	2 00	
Time spent in looking after repairs on roads	20 00	
Extra time as selectman	20 00	
		$69 50
Albert P. Richardson, salary	$5 00	
Time looking after roads	20 00	
Extra time as selectman	15 00	
Perambulating town lines	2 00	
		$42 00

Arthur Wright, salary	$5 00	
Perambulating town lines	2 00	
Time looking after roads	8 00	
Extra time as selectman	15 00	
		$30 00

ASSESSORS.

Henry Chamberlin, twenty-three days' work taking invoice and making taxes	$57 50	
Three days' extra time on duplicate copy	7 50	
		$65 00
Asaph B. Cutter, twenty-two and a half days' work taking invoice and making taxes	$56 25	
		$56 25
Wm. L. Kittredge, twenty-three and a half days' work taking invoice and making taxes	$58 75	
Paid for printing	1 75	
Paid for express	90	
		$61 40

TAX COLLECTOR.

Isaac E. Day, collecting $12,684.03 at 9 mills on the dollar	$114 15	
Collecting dog tax	10 00	
		$124 15

CONSTABLES.

Isaac E. Day, posting warrants for three town meetings	$12 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, services as superintendent for third term of 1882 and 1883	$50 00	
Making out school report	10 00	
Making out school returns	1 50	
Express on school books	1 00	
Services as superintendent for spring term of 1883	50 00	
		$112 50

THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR HAVE DRAWN FROM THE TREASURY, DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884, THE FOLLOWING SUMS:

1883. April.	By order	$673 21
"	"	74 69
July.	"	356 00
"	"	156 28
Amount carried forward		$1,260 18

Amount brought forward	$1,260 18	
August. By order	154 82	
October. "	184 44	
" "	144 81	
1884.		
January. "	161 69	
" "	45 21	
February. "	107 53	
		$2,058 68

EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SERVICES OF LIBRARIAN.

Paid Clara M. Wiley, for services as librarian from Feb. 1, 1883, to Jan. 1, 1884	$66 00	
March, 1883, Paid directors of library balance of appropriation for 1882	19 50	
May, 1883, paid directors	100 00	
Sept. " " "	120 00	
Jan. 1884, " "	101 65	
" " " Wright & Fletcher, for paper	7 53	
		$414 68

TOWN HOUSE.

EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

March, Paid J. H. Wilson, work at town house	$ 1 00
April, " John Feeney, for services as janitor, for Jan., Feb., and March	21 00
" " John M. Fletcher, for 15 gals. oil	2 55
" " John M. Fletcher, chimneys and nails,	46
" " Whithead & Co., for 10,210 lbs., broken coal	37 01
" Paid for cartage of Coal	4 59
July, " J. H. Wilson, for services as janitor, for April, May and June	18 75
Aug., Paid Wright & Fletcher, for 32 gals. oil	5 20
" " " " matches and wicks,	1 24
" " " " lamps and burners,	78
" " " " for 4 doz., large and small chimneys	5 00
" Paid John M. Fletcher, for two cords of wood	12 00
Sept., Paid J. H. Wilson, for services as janitor, for July and August	12 50
Dec., Paid J. H. Wilson, for services as janitor, for Sept., Oct. and Nov	18 75
" Paid J. H. Wilson, sawing 2 cords of wood,	3 00
Amount carried forward	$143 83

Amount brought forward	$143 83	
Dec., Paid J. H. Wilson, for moving coal	50	
Feb., " Wright & Fletcher, lamps, chimneys and wicks	3 35	
" Paid Wright & Fletcher, for 25 gals. oil,	4 80	
" " " " for one gallon can,	35	
" " J. H. Wilson, for services as Janitor, for Dec. and Jan	12 50	
		$165 33

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Received from State for armory rent	$175 00	
" " John Feeney, janitor	22 50	
" " Joseph H. Wilson, janitor	34 50	
" " F. K. Ripley	7 50	
		$239 50

COST OF NEW FURNACE AT TOWN HOUSE.

Paid W. E. Livingston, for 1000 hard brick	$12 00	
W. E. Livingston, for three barrels cement	6 00	
George F. Millis, for labor putting in foundation for furnace	4 80	
for fifty-six feet of lumber	1 68	
for teaming brick and cement from depot	1 70	
John W. Day, drawing furnace from Lowell,	3 50	
J. H. Wilson, labor cleaning out cellar	50	
Smith Randlett, for labor and lumber	8 63	
H. H. Wilder, for furnace, labor, etc	155 13	
		$193 94

EXPENSE OF NEW FENCE AT TOWN HOUSE, ALSO POSTS FOR HORSE TIES.

Paid George P. Wright, for twenty posts	$3 00
J. H. Wilson, for peeling posts	1 00
Chas. A. Wright, for 25 chestnut posts	3 75
Robert Fletcher, for 13 posts	3 25
Freeman Howe, for labor digging post holes,	1 80
John W. Day, for teaming from depot	1 25
G. W. Hill, for labor digging post holes	3 75
T. A. Bean, for labor on fence	22 80
John M. Fletcher, for 15 posts	3 75
C. W. Blood and man, for labor putting up iron pipe	8 25
Amount carried forward	$52 60

Amount brought forward	$52 60	
Paid G. T. Day, time and expense procuring lumber	1 50	
G. T. Day, three hours' work digging post holes	60	
Fletcher Bros., drawing lumber from Lowell,	5 00	
A. & E. G. Spaulding, for 40 posts	8 00	
George Drew, for building fence	24 37	
Howe Bros., for fence rails	27 62	
Howe Bros., for capping	10 60	
Howe Bros., for pickets	50 55	
C. E. Adams, for paint for pipe	3 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for nails, etc	9 02	
		$193 36

PRINTING.

Paid Stone, Bacheller & Livingston, for printing school report	$23 33	
Printing town reports	73 10	
Printing and binding state aid book	7 25	
Printing bill heads	4 67	
Rebinding record book	1 50	
Printing 500 lists of books for Library	6 75	
Printing one blank book	1 00	
Printing 1,500 tax bills	5 25	
Printing 1,000 book labels	1 75	
Printing 400 revised report of Overseers of Poor	7 00	
Printing 800 yes and no votes on license	3 25	
Other charges as per bill	3 62	
		$138 47

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Marshal & Hamblet, for legal services for the year 1882	$100 00	
A. P. Richardson, attending twenty-three funerals with hearse	34 50	
Daniel Falls, express charges, etc	3 50	
George T. Day, time and expense going to Lowell three times, on account of town report	3 00	
Three express charges on proof of town report	45	
Express charges for Town Library as by C. E. Whidden's bill	75	
J. S. D'Evelyn, auditing Overseer's account	3 00	
Amount carried forward	$145 20	

Amount brought forward	$145 20
Paid Howes & Burnham, lumber for repairing common fence	5 21
F. P. Coggeshall, for blank book	1 00
C. Boyd, cleaning two clocks in Town House,	2 00
Express on record book, etc	2 15
For one bottle mucilage	1 00
For two pails for Town House	80
George H. Holt, for use of pumps and repairs on same when digging Town House well	12 00
Express on machine knife from Keene, N. H.	75
H. A. Davis, State Inspector of Weights and Measures	8 60
Fairbanks, Brown & Co., for new set of weights and measures	16 40
J. T. Colburn, for work at W. burying ground	6 50
Thomas S. Hittinger, amount of execution in the case of abatement of taxes of T. S. Hittinger and town of Westford	230 02
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill for sundries	12 43
Kimball & Brothers, for road machine	15 00
S. H. Nutting, work on north burying ground	6 00
Humphrey Machine Co., for steel blade	6 00
F. Peekens, for mowing grass at east burying ground	4 00
Clerk of Courts, for printing in Hittinger case,	31 60
S. M. Hutchins, work at east burying ground,	1 50
John Bradley, for damage to furniture in passing under R. R. Bridge at Graniteville.	1 50
John M. Fletcher, appraising property at Town Farm, Feb. 1883	2 00
John M. Fletcher, making out report of appraisal of property in 1882 and 1883	4 00
N. J. Weir for stove for Library	14 25
Express charges	95
E. J. Smith, of Boston, for coming to Forge Village to see about driving well at School House	5 00
Express charges on check lists and register of voters	50
Thomas Symmes, laying out lots at east burying ground	6 00
For planks, posts, labor, etc., for repairing bridge across dam at C. G. Sargent's mill	66 17
Amount carried forward	$608 53

Amount brought forward	$608 53	
Paid C. W. Blood, for stove pipe and labor on stove for library	2 30	
C. B. Coburn, for feather dusters for Town House	3 00	
For one hammer for Town House	85	
John W. Day, for teaming for Town House.	1 00	
For one new register book for voters	1 00	
Wm. Reed, 1st, for stone watering trough for Town House well	50 00	
Wm. Reed, 1st, flag stones, etc., for fixing water course on Main St., Graniteville	21 09	
C. E. Adams, for Hardware for Town House,	2 88	
John A. Haley, for damage to sleigh in 1882,	8 00	
For one box rubber bands	1 00	
Coggeshall & Co., for one letter file	87	
C. E. Whidden, for one telephone message to Ayer	35	
F. O. Decatur, blacksmithing as per bill	40 71	
Wright & Fletcher. as per bill	26 25	
Daniel Falls, as per bill for express charges	2 00	
Dr. J. B. Heald, for returning 18 births from May 1st, 1883 to Jan. 1st, 1884, as required by Sec. 1, Chap. 158, Laws and Resolves of 1883	4 50	
Wright & Bemis, for powder and fuse	51	
		$774 84

INSURANCE.

Paid E. M. Tucke, renewal of policy on school house No. 10	$22 00	
G. W. Coburn, renewal of policy on school house No. 7	18 00	
E. M. Tucke, renewal of policy on town farm buildings	57 75	
		$97 75

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND EXPENSE OF BOOKS, ETC., FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

School House No. 1.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for broom, ink, eraser, etc.	$2 47
Wright & Fletcher, for three boxes crayons.	60
J. S. Moulton, for one numerical frame	1 00
J. S. Moulton, for desk books	50
Hiram Dane, for setting glass	2 00
Amount carried forward	$6 57

Amount brought forward	$6 57	
C. W. Blood, for stove shaker	40	
E. A. Stevens, for table	2 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for reader, etc	1 50	
		$10 97

The school committee finding it necessary to furnish the upper room in school house No. 1, the following expense has been incurred:

Paid A. G. Whitcomb, for thirty No. 1 desks	$115 50	
" " for one teacher's desk	14 50	
" " for one chair	1 50	
" " for two settees	8 00	
		$139 50
Paid H. H. Wilder, for stove	$31 00	
C. W. Blood, for stove pipe, labor, etc	7 37	
Wright & Fletcher, for eight lbs. zinc	64	
Fiske & Spalding, for window shades, etc	4 44	
S. Randlett, for labor putting up shades	1 25	
George Drew, for labor putting in seats	3 75	
T. A. Bean, for labor putting in seats	3 00	
freight bill for furniture	2 71	
expense in procuring furniture and carting to school house	7 50	
		$61 66
		$201 16

School House No. 2.

Paid Howes & Burnham, for lumber	$4 32	
Wright & Fletcher, for four boxes crayons	80	
" " for two brooms and pail	95	
for numerical frame	1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for ½ dozen erasers	1 00	
		$8 07

School House No. 3.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for two Readers	$ 80	
Nelson L. Prescott, for labor	1 00	
Wright & Bemis, for two boxes crayons	40	
" " " two brooms	70	
		$2 90

School House No. 4.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for crayons	$ 40	
" " " Arithmetic	1 00	
" " " Key to Arithmetic	25	
for numerical frame	1 25	
George B. Hildreth, setting glass	1 25	
Wright & Fletcher, Geographies, etc	3 45	
" " for broom	40	
" " " four lbs. sulphur	32	
		$8 32

School House No. 5.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for five boxes crayons..	$1 00	
" " " Reader and broom...	80	
W. F. Balch, setting glass.....	2 61	
for Key to Arithmetic.....	25	
		$4 66

School House No. 6.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for numerical frame....	$1 00	
" " " crayons and mug....	50	
for desk books.....	1 00	
for repairing pump.....	1 50	
E. A. Stevens, setting glass.....	2 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for two Spellers.....	50	
" " " pail.....	35	
		$7 35

School House No. 7.

Paid L. A. Winship, for three brooms.....	$1 30	
Wright & Fletcher, for Reader.....	83	
for repairing pump.....	2 00	
for sixteen lights of glass.....	2 31	
express on glass.....	25	
for setting glass.....	1 50	
for cleaning out well.....	1 00	
		$9 19

School House No. 8.

Paid T. Costello & Co., for one Stuart stove.....	$36 90	
Hiram Dane, repairing plastering.....	3 00	
Wright & Bemis, for broom.....	35	
		$40 25

School House Nos. 10 and 11.

Paid for repairing furniture.....	$1 68	
C. W. Clark, for chair and settee.....	7 50	
for repairing clock	1 00	
C. W. Blood, for stove pipe, linings and labor,	6 45	
Wright & Bemis for three brooms.....	1 05	
" " as per bill.....	3 25	
		$20 93

STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS,

As authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

1883.		
Paid January.....	$46 00	
February.....	43 00	
March.....	44 00	
Amount carried forward.....	$133 00	

Amount brought forward	$133 00	
Paid April	44 00	
May	35 00	
June	35 00	
July	35 00	
August	35 00	
September	35 00	
October	35 00	
November	40 00	
December	40 00	
		$467 00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES,

As Authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

1883.		
Paid January	$30 00	
February	33 00	
March	33 00	
April	33 00	
May	33 00	
June	33 00	
July	33 00	
August	33 00	
September	33 00	
October	33 00	
November	33 00	
December	33 00	
		$393 00

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Town, at its Annual Meeting in 1883, voted to raise the sum of $2,000 for repairs of roads and bridges, the whole amount to be expended, under the direction of the Selectmen, during the Spring, Summer and Fall months. Of that amount there has been paid to H. D. Pierce, Master of Town Farm, for work of self, men and horses, the sum of $1,378.79, and to all others for labor, gravel, stone, etc., the sum of $839.97. You will see we have exceeded the appropriation some $200. This arises, largely, from the fact that a considerable portion of our roads are hilly and badly worn. They can be surfaced up very well in the spring, but to put them in condition for permanent wear necessitates the carting of gravel, and there is great difficulty in procuring it without carting a long distance, which very much increases the expense. There are many sections of our road that can be put in good order only by carting the material, with which to do the work, a long distance, therefore we would recommend that the Town raise as much money for roads as in 1883.

April, paid	Augustus Bunce, for gravel taken to repair the swamp road in 1882.....	$8 00
	Augustus Bunce, work on roads, 1882..	1 00
	Albert King.....	6 00
	A. H. Fuller.....	4 83
	Wm. Reed, 2d.....	10 27
	Levi Lamott.....	4 11
	Dennis Casey.....	10 35
	Joseph. Allard.....	14 32
May, paid	Dennis Casey.....	16 96
	Levi Lamott.....	23 70
	Joseph Allard.....	27 33
	Arthur Hughes.....	9 62
	Albert King.....	29 84
	A. G. Polley.....	5 45
June, paid	Levi Lamott.....	22 48
	Joseph Allard.....	26 00
	Albert King.....	29 00
	Arthur Hughes.....	30 22
	David Reed, for covering stone for bridges.....	13 33
July, paid	Albert King.....	27 40
	Levi Lamott.....	28 16
	Arthur Hughes.....	22 32
Aug., paid	Arthur Wright.....	1 75
	Josiah Blodgett.....	2 55
	John W. Day.....	2 00
	Arthur Hughes.....	32 88
	Albert King.....	31 51
	Levi Lamott.....	10 05
Sept., paid	Wm. Reed, 2d, for cutting bush.....	6 85
	Albert King.....	27 88
	Arthur Hughes.....	27 25
Oct., paid	Dennis McCarty.....	5 00
	William Dunnel.....	8 22
	Albert King.....	31 51
	Arthur Hughes.....	22 60
Nov., paid	Wm. Reed, 1st, for men and teams...	12 94
	Sam'l L. Taylor, for 143 loads of gravel	7 15
	A. P. Richardson, for labor.....	6 25
	Julian Hildreth, for labor.....	5 50
	T. C. True.....	16 50
	G. T. Day, for man and team.....	5 00
	Joel A. Fletcher, for cutting bush....	2 00
	Albert King.....	29 85
	Arthur Hughes.....	26 14
Feb., paid	H. D. Pierce, men and horses, exclusive of work on swamp road.....	1,228 70
Feb. 7, paid	Wm. C. Edwards, 3½ days work for for man and team.....	14 00
		$1,934 77

EXPENSE OF WIDENING ROAD THROUGH HOP YARD SWAMP NEAR HOUSE OF WM. REED, 2d.

Paid Allard, Lamott, King, Casey and others....	$104 00	
H. D. Pierce, men and teams.....	150 00	
Charles A. Wright, for 120 chestnut posts..	18 00	
Wm. Reed, 2d, for peeling and setting posts,	11 90	
		$283 90

EXPENSE OF BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Calvin L. Howard, for 42½ hours' work in 1882,	$6 37	
G. A. Perham, man and team, 12 hours work,	2 55	
W. W. Johnson and team.....	3 00	
		$11 92

EXPENSE OF DIGGING WELL AT PARKERVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid W. F. Balch, for digging and stoning well at $3.50 per foot.....	$59 50	
George H. Holt, for pump, platform, etc....	20 70	
		$80 20

EXPENSE OF LAW SUIT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF GARDNER AND WESTFORD.

In December, 1881, an action was brought against this Town to recover the expense incurred by the town of Gardner for the support of the family of one Philinda Watson and children, she being formerly the wife of Marceine Nutting of Groton, said family consisting of nine members. The case had to be tried at Worcester, Gardner being in Worcester County. On this account the Town was put to more trouble and expense. It was thought judicious to employ counsel from Worcester, and Hon. F. T. Blackmer was retained by this town. The case was continued through several terms of Court, this town being ready for trial at each term. Gardner finally withdrew the case in December, 1883, being convinced the family had no legal settlement in Westford.

Paid F. T. Blackmer of Worcester, for services as counsel.....	$25 00	
F. T. Blackmer, expense.....	15 00	
G. T. Day, for car fare going to Worcester eight times, and to Groton twice.....	23 60	
G. T. Day, for eight and one half days time,	17 00	
" " " telegrams.....	60	
		$81 20

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1881,	J. W. Bostwick	$2 00	
	Alonzo Blake	2 00	
	John Barron	2 00	
	Wallace W. Comey	2 00	
	John Craven	2 00	
	Joseph Craven	2 00	
	George A. Cummings	2 00	
	John Davie	2 00	
	W. A. Davie	2 00	
	E. L. Dickey	2 00	
	Octave Dushane	2 00	
	Francis Foley	3 00	
	Frank Farnam	2 00	
	O. H. P. Fisher	2 00	
	John Grim	2 00	
	James Hall	2 00	
	Napoleon Lavosere	2 00	
	C. N. Larkin	2 00	
	William Moore	2 00	
	Edward Miner	2 00	
	Joseph Moran	2 00	
	Timothy Murphy	2 00	
	Sherman L. Prescott	2 53	
	William Prim	2 00	
	Joseph Paul	2 00	
	John Craig	4 32	
	Willard T. Reed	2 00	
	Charles Reed	2 00	
	George Reed	2 00	
	Charles F. Shaw	2 00	
	Oscar Sweatt	2 00	
	Smith L. Sargent	2 00	
	Patrick Sweeney	2 00	
	Thomas Turner	2 00	
	John Taylor	2 00	
	Alfred Wood	2 00	
	Robert B. Plumer	2 00	
	S. A. Parkhurst	2 00	
	Henry Leland	2 00	
	L. W. Kelley	2 00	
			$83 85

THE FOLLOWING TAXES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AS ERRORS IN 1881.

Alexander Berry	$2 00	
Edwin T. Carkin	2 00	
Perley A. Carkin	2 00	
Stephen C. Lane	2 00	
William Morris	2 00	
George Moriarty	2 00	
Estate of Sarah Parker	29 26	
George W. Whidden	2 00	
Clara A. Smith	1 50	
Estate of Charles Wheeler	2 39	
Emily F. Fletcher	1 50	
M. H. Fletcher	2 00	
Varnum Fletcher	2 00	
Eliza A. Babbitt	1 50	
Elizabeth S. Abbot	1 50	
Elizabeth S. Abbot, 1882	50	
		$56 15

SUMMARY.

	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.
Town Officers	$ 435 67	$ 380 67	$ 439 47	$ 436 81	$ 380 16	$ 345 32	$ 375 97	$ 427 44	$ 944 24	$ 456 87
Tax Collector and Constables	136 15	147 80	143 39	178 40	141 55	147 98	152 34	116 28	150 00	161 74
School Committee	112 50	172 50	166 33	168 25	164 75	170 00	183 40	254 50	197 00	190 00
Town Library	414 68	377 11	536 38	319 20	340 05	299 49	336 28	243 21	277 58	328 00
Town House	165 33	196 73	175 84	183 45	171 12	166 47	236 25	145 00	50 00	61 50
Town House Furnace	193 94									
Town House Fence	193 36									
Printing	138 47	153 97	142 95	126 90	119 75	110 68	179 85	110 45	204 00	135 00
Insurance	97 75		183 00	216 75		118 50				
School Houses	112 64	65 92	190 55	170 96	164 91	118 35	189 36	204 42	584 00	90 00
Incidental Expenses	774 84	493 46	508 27	500 42	460 07	870 71	897 11	531 03	1,315 61	966 07
State Aid	393 00	338 00	363 00	427 50	360 00	533 50	414 00	472 00	492 00	620 00
State Aid to Indigent Soldiers	467 00	514 00	387 40	449 00	229 70	374 40				
Roads and Bridges	1,934 77	1,477 41	1,552 07	1,504 19	1,454 98	1,871 81	1,808 13	2,244 85	1,957 54	2,426 93
Improvements on Roads	283 90	130 00	164 00	170 88	69 00	99 47				
Breaking Roads	11 92	620 86	420 63	70 86	239 22	140 26				
Overseers of Poor	2,058 68	2,029 76	2,147 94	1,680 66	1,913 32	1,561 39	2,331 00	3,418 00	1,907 50	2,142 00
Abatement of Taxes	140 00	10 21	266 54	231 86	216 45	151 45	224 28	98 47	883 42	444 03
Painting School Houses, &c		207 64		28 38	189 10					
School Furniture &c	201 16	197 32								
Town House Well		251 26								
School House Well	80 20	115 00								
Wall at E. Burying Ground		439 94	364 30							
Building School House No. 5				1,179 97						
Gardner Law Suit	81 20									
Repairs on Hearse				306 90						
Repairs on Town House				3,662 64						
	$8,427 16	$8,319 56								

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of Poor submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 9, 1884:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

February 9, 1884	$2,827 09
February 10, 1883	2,812 35
Gain on personal property	$14 74

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's Books.

Received for milk	$535 88
for butter	7 37
for hay	18 18
for pigs	12 50
for pop corn	16 42
for peas	7 20
for pork	43 48
for two cows	75 00
for onions	44 15
for calves	24 00
for sundries	2 84
for potatoes	9 30
for chickens	8 02
for cider	15 31
for eggs	9 55
for labor off the farm	109 39
for tomatoes	5 15
for straw	3 00
for cabbages	2 97
for hoop poles	45 28
for gun	1 00
for board of John Callahan's child	80 00
for board of Mary Howe and others	206 00
for turkeys	10 93
for cranberries	79 88
for work on roads	1,373 91
State aid for indigent soldiers	268 00
	$3,014 71

PAYMENTS.

Paid for groceries	$539 84
for blacksmith work	27 85
for weighing hay	1 35
for wrench	75
for lumber	13 87
for two beds	4 00
for shingles	5 16
for ice	2 50
for fresh meat	100 85
for two cows	80 00
for grain	586 56
for fish	10 95
for butter	61 18
for crackers	35 29
for dry goods	7 88
for shoes	2 95
for wheelwright work	7 99
for sundries	4 77
for house paper	1 50
for clothes for A. Hildreth	10 00
for labor	753 66
for hay	137 02
for crockery	1 00
for potatoes	4 25
for repairing clock	2 00
for turkeys	6 45
for medicine	9 95
for milk can	1 25
for collar pad	50
for tomato plants	30
for cabbage plants	1 75
for repairing mowing machine	2 25
for coat for John P. Green	5 00
for Thomas Carney	5 50
H. D. Pierce one years' salary	550 00
for clothes for Thomas Carney	10 00
for meat cutter	3 00
for steamer	7 00
for whip	83
for mending tin	30
for insect powder	35
for coal	17 40
for high chair	75
for platter	75
for harness work	43 20
for killing hogs	2 00
for harness oil	1 40
Amount carried forward	$3,073 10

Amount brought forward		$3,073 10
for shoat		9 00
for keeping hog		1 00
for horse collars		6 50
for digging grave		2 00
for one horse		250 00
Dr. J. B. Heald for medical attendance		5 00
John P. Green		10 75
Cash on hand at last settlement		59 02
		$3,416 37
Deduct proceeds sold from farm	$3,014 71	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	278 23	
Expense of keeping 159 tramps	39 75	
Gain on personal property	14 74	
		$3,347 43
Leaves as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the almshouse		$68 94

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Wright & Bemis, for goods furnished C. H. Spaulding in 1882	$60 00
Wright & Bemis, for goods for Mrs. J. Davie in 1882	60 00
Wright & Bemis, for goods for Mrs. O'Brien in 1882	5 01
Wright & Bemis, for goods for C. H. Spaulding	104 00
Wright & Bemis, for goods for Mrs. J. Davie	102 00
Treasurer of Lunatic Asylum, Worcester, for A. H. Woodward, R. Keyes, T. W. Dupee, and George O. Wright	619 01
City of Lowell, for Sarah Nutting	28 40
E. C. Atwood, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Glinis	6 00
E. C. Atwood, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Flynn's child	3 00
J. A. Haley, for moving Mrs. O'Brien's goods to Lowell	3 00
C. G. Wright, for care and board of George O. Wright	67 00
J. B. Heald, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. E. Holt	21 00
Wright & Fletcher, for goods for Emily Lew	75 00
Charles Dutton, M. D., for medical attendance on Emily Lew	5 00
J. M. Chamberlin, for services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
for goods for E. Holt	46 00
Amount carried forward	$1,214 42

Amount brought forward		$1,214 42
David Read, for services as Overseer of Poor		10 00
E. Prescott, for time and expense in carrying Harry Collyer to State Almshouse		3 00
E. Prescott, for time spent in going to Groton to see about E. Holt's family		1 50
E. Prescott, for making out report to the Board of State Charities		2 50
E. Prescott, for making out report to the town		5 00
" for services as Overseer of Poor		10 00
" for postage and stationery		2 00
Town Treasurer		5 01
		$1,253 43
Received from City of Lowell, for Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Glinis, and Emily Lew.	$94 01	
Deduct, for goods furnished C. H. Spaulding and Mrs. J. Davie in 1882	120 00	
		$214 01
Expense of the poor outside the Almshouse		$1,039 42

STATEMENT

Of the Expense of the Poor above the Income of the Farm.

Cash in Overseers' hands at last settlement		$105 78
in hands of Master of Almshouse at last settlement,		59 02
drawn from Town Treasurer		2,058 48
		$2,223 28
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	$278 23	
in Overseers' hands	394 57	
paid Town Treasurer	5 01	
Gain on personal property	14 74	
Bills paid, due in 1882	120 00	
		$812 55
Cost of supporting poor exclusive of interest on farm		$1,410 73

Number receiving two meals and lodging	159
Number supported in the almshouse	14
Average number	$7\frac{1}{13}$
Number receiving assistance outside the almshouse	16

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
DAVID READ,
Overseers of the Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LOWELL, MASS., Feb. 20, 1884.

GENTLEMEN—I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor, including the accounts kept by the Master of the Almshouse, for the year 1883–4, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN S. D'EVELYN,

Auditor.

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the Almshouse in Westford, 1884.

5 horses	$875 00
8 cows	320 00
4 hogs	44 00
3 turkeys	6 00
30 fowl	18 00
7 harnesses	180 00
4 head halters	4 00
1 whip	75
Curry combs and brushes	2 00
4 horse blankets	12 00
1 string of bells	1 00
1 buffalo robe	1 00
3½ tons English hay	70 00
5 tons meadow hay	40 00
2 tons oat fodder	30 00
1-5 ton rye straw	2 80
10 bushels cob meal	5 00
150 lbs. C corn	2 25
150 lbs. cotton seed meal	2 18
50 lbs. shorts	62
4 bushels spring rye	4 00
2 bushels pop corn	5 00
12 feed boxes	3 00
4 feed baskets	5 00
6 meal bags	1 20
12 sacks	1 80
1 set measures	1 50
2 water pots	1 00
9 tie chains	1 80
7 hay forks	2 45
2 manure forks	2 00
2 manure hooks	1 25
15 shovels and spades	5 00
3 drills	1 75
1 striking hammer	2 25
5 hoes	1 25
3 picks	2 50
2 bog hoes	1 50
5 iron rakes	50
2 flails	25
5 iron bars	5 00
4 corn knives	40
2 sickles	50
Amount carried forward	$1,667 50

Amount brought forward	$1,667 50
1 garden hoe	65
1 wind mill	4 00
1 corn sheller	4 00
1 hay cutter	1 00
1 apple picker	40
Ladders and hooks	8 50
6 chains	6 00
1 horse hay rake	29 00
1 drag hay rake	50
1 hand hay rake	60
6 scythes and snaths	6 00
2 ox yokes	1 50
1 wagon jack	2 00
2 harrows	10 00
5 plows	10 00
1 cultivator	3 00
1 dirt scraper	6 00
1 wheelbarrow	3 00
2 drays	10 00
1 sleigh	6 00
1 one-horse sled	13 00
1 four-horse sled	25 00
4 horse carts	145 00
1 farm wagon	70 00
2 express wagons	40 00
1 hay wagon	25 00
Neck yokes and eveners	12 00
1 axle	1 00
1 grindstone	2 00
Wrenches and hammers	1 50
3 axes	1 50
Beetle rings and wedges	1 00
5 wood saws	3 00
1 meal chest	1 50
1 cheese press	2 00
2 water tubs	1 00
1 basket	40
Old iron	6 00
½ bag fine salt	90
¾ M shingles	3 00
25 cords wood	75 00
Amount carried forward	$2,209 45

Amount brought forward	$2,209 45
22 flour barrels	3 00
½ ton coal	3 50
Carpenters' tools	10 00
50 lbs. bolted meal	1 25
10 lbs. rye meal	30
½ bushel pea beans	1 75
90 lbs. lard	9 90
15 lbs. butter	4 80
300 lbs. salt pork	30 00
150 lbs. ham	21 00
75 bushels potatoes	37 50
3 bushels onions	3 00
100 gallons cider	12 50
¾ barrel soft soap	5 00
25 bars hard soap	1 50
15 cider barrels	7 50
25 lbs. sugar	2 25
1 pound tea	50
2 lbs. coffee	60
Spices	60
Saleratus	08
Cream tartar	20
½ barrel flour	3 50
1½ dozen eggs	49
1 paper soapine	12
3 wash tubs	1 50
2 wash boilers	3 50
16 empty butter tubs	80
1 clothes wringer	6 00
1 washing machine	2 00
1 clothes dryer	1 00
3 clothes lines	1 50
2 clothes baskets	1 25
2 lanterns	1 70
2 cranberry rakes	3 00
1 meat cutter	3 00
1 steamer	7 00
K oil and can	1 25
12 pounds tobacco	5 52
4 dozen candles	48
Candle moulds	1 50
5 candle sticks	75
4 pails	80
Amount carried forward	$2,412 84

Amount brought forward	$2,412 84
1 slop pail	75
1 pair steelyards	2 50
1 cow bell	75
1 dinner bell	50
1 porcelain kettle	1 25
1 copper kettle	2 00
Chopping knife and tray	1 00
Crockery	10 00
Tin ware	20 00
Glass ware	4 00
Earthern pots	1 50
Jugs and stone ware	1 75
Brooms	50
1 whitewash brush	2 00
2 mops	50
Knives, forks and spoons	5 00
7 lamps	2 50
7 flat-irons	2 00
1 seive	50
Table linen and towels	4 50
4 stoves	30 00
30 chairs	6 00
3 rocking chairs	3 00
1 cabinet chair	2 00
8 tables	18 00
1 cradle	1 00
Window and door screens	9 00
7 looking glasses	2 00
3 shawls	2 00
Shovels and tongs	1 25
Bedsteads, beds and bedding	255 00
1 injection pipe	1 50
1 case of drawers & contents	2 50
10 chests and trunks	5 00
1 rubber blanket	50
1 castor	1 00
1 sofa	3 00
Apple parers	1 00
1 bed pan	1 50
1 grain cradle	2 00
2 pork barrels	1 00
1 padlock with chain	50
1 pair handcuffs	2 00
	$2,827 09

THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,
Appraisers of Property.

WESTFORD, MASS., Feb. 9th, 1884.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their twenty-ninth annual report, for the year ending February 11, 1884:

Number of books purchased	247
Public documents received from the State	12
Public documents received from the United States	4
Other books presented	12
Whole number added during the year	275
Number of issues of books	8280

Percentage of circulation of different classes: C, 6%; D, 4%; E, 2%; F, 23%; G, 48%; H, 4%; I, 3%; J, 10%.

Whole number of books in the Library	4684

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year's appropriation	$6 78
Town appropriation for purchase of books	150 00
Dog tax appropriated	171 65
Fines	4 10
	$332 53

EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 15.	One subscription book	$4 50	
May 15.	Estes & Lauriat, bill of books	46 17	
May 15.	Willard Small, bill of books	45 53	
June 9.	One subscription book	3 25	
Sept. 21.	Cupples, Upham & Co.	113 07	
Oct. 19.	One subscription book	2 60	
Jan. 3.	Lockwood, Brooks & Co.	48 94	
Jan. 28.	Willard Small	54 53	
Jan. 30.	Two subscription books	5 50	
Jan. 30.	For binding books	50	
Jan. 30.	For express paid	75	
Jan. 30.	For paper, ink, etc., for use of library,	4 43	
			$329 77
Balance of cash in hands of the Directors			2 76
			$332 53

That the Public Library continues to be a source of improvement and pleasure, is shown by the large issue of books,—over that of any preceeding year except the last. It may be interesting to note the increase in the percentage of circulation, in the scientific and miscellaneous departments, indicating we may believe, the growing elevation of taste which free access to a good library induces. The yearly cost for repairing the books has, in former years, amounted to a considerable sum. During the past two years this expense has been obviated by the kindness and generosity of a former lady director, and the careful oversight of the Librarian. But to lessen this generous labor, and avoid the necessity of frequent replacing, we would emphasize the desirability of more care in the use of books taken from the Library. Although much of the wear is due to imperfection in binding, yet soiling and tearing leaves arises from causes which forethought can easily overcome.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of twelve numbers of the Unitarian Review, from the American Unitarian Association; nine volumes for the Theological Department, from the Librarian of the Lancaster Library; and a volume of fiction from Mr. John M. Fletcher of Westford.

The Directors respectfully ask for an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year.

The additions of the past year are included in the subjoined list.

ABIEL J. ABBOT,
ELIZA A. BABBITT,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
Directors of Public Library.

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Work for Women. George J. Manson..... 768

LIST OF JURORS 1884.

The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the jury-box subject to revision by the town:

Ephraim A. Stevens,
George Hutchins,
Luther Wilkins,
Frank L. Fletcher,
Isaac E. Day,
Albert P. Richardson,
Isaac P. Woods,
Isaac W. Carkin,
Moses Edwards,
George Blodgett,
Wayland F. Balch,
Alvin Fisher,
Charles E. Whidden,
George W. Heywood,
Arthur Wright,
William L. Kittredge,
Melbourne F. Hutchins,
Frank. O. Decatur,
William M. Lee.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., February 20, 1884.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 1884.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the town of Westford, Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the third day of March, being the first Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and closed at 1 o'clock P. M.,) to act upon the following articles, to wit:—

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To hear the Report of Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
3. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.
4. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, or act in relation to the same.
5. To hear Report of School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
6. To see if the Town will accept and adopt the Report of the Directors of the Town Library, or act in relation to the same.
7. To see if the Town will accept the Report ot the Selectmen on Guide Boards, or act in relation to the same.

8. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at the Town Farm, Directors of Town Library, all on one ballot.

9. To raise money to defray Town debts and Charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

10. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.

11. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the treasury, or act in relation to the same.

13. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.

14. To raise money to repair Roads and Bridges, and direct by whom and in what manner the same shall be expended.

15. To see if the Town will raise money to defray the expense of Breaking Roads during the year, or act in relation to the same.

16. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.

17. To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of Ardent Spirits, or act in relation to the same.

18. To see if the Town will vote to dig a well at School House No. 2. so called, and act in relation to the same.

19. To hear Report of the Selectmen on a vote of the Town passed at the last Annual Meeting, authorizing them to cause a well to be dug at the School House in Forge Village, and act in relation to the same.

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to put blinds upon the Town Farm House, or act in relation to the same.

21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to employ an

Auditor to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer for each and every year until the town otherwise vote, and act in relation to the same.

22. To see if the Town will vote to repeal all votes now on record that may conflict with the above vote, and act in relation to the same.

23. To hear Report of the Committee, chosen in April last, upon building a new School House in Graniteville, or act in relation to the same.

24. To see if the Town will vote to recompense the wife of Abram Brown, for injuries received upon the highway leading to the house of Andrew Fletcher, or act in relation to the same.

25. To see if the Town will vote to dig a well at School House No. 8 so called, or act in relation to the same.

26. To see if the town will vote to make repairs at School House No. 8. so called, or act in relation to the same.

27. To see if the town will authorize the purchase of land adjoining site of School House No. 8. so called, or act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

INCLUDING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TOWN CLERK, TOWN TREASURER, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1885,

ALSO,

TOWN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 2, 1885.

LOWELL, MASS.
MORNING MAIL PRINT: NO. 18 JACKSON STREET.
1885.

OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

1884.

TOWN CLERK.

JOSEPH B. HEALD.

SELECTMEN.

GEORGE T. DAY, ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

ASSESSORS.

ASAPH B. CUTTER, HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD PRESCOTT, DAVID REED,
FRANK O. DECATUR.

TOWN TREASURER.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Olive Ann Prescott, J. Sidney Moulton,
Hezekiah Cummmings, Alvin G. Polley,
J. Henry Read, John Wilson.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ISAAC E. DAY.

CONSTABLES.

Isaac E. Day,
C. R. P. Decatur,
George Reed,
Frank O. Decatur,
William M. Lee,
William C. Edwards.

FENCE-VIEWERS.

William Kittredge,
George Hutchins,
Alvin G. Polley.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM.

Artemus W. Cummings,
John M. Fletcher,
Thaddeus A. Blodgett.

LIBRARIAN.

CLARA M. WILEY.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY.

Abiel J. Abbot,
Eliza A. Babbitt,
Arthur Wright.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

John B. Fletcher,
John M. Fletcher,
Arthur Wright,
Abiel J. Abbot,
W. H. H. Burbeck,
W. W. Johnson,
Sherman H. Fletcher,
Nahum H. Wright,
Edward A. Hamlin,
Samuel A. Hamlin,
Jacob Smith,
George W. Heywood,
William C. Edwards,
John W. Day,
Charles E. Whidden,
John A. Healy.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

Charles L. Fletcher,
Gilmer Stone,
Jacob Smith,
Thomas Drew,
George H. Prescott,
Edward A. Hamlin,
Ephraim A. Stevens,
Smith Randlett,
Thomas E. Symmes,
Charles E. Whidden,
Frank O. Decatur,
Gardner A. Perham,
Albert S. Reed,
W. C. Edwards,
John M. Fletcher,
John A. Healy.

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

FIELD-DRIVERS.

F. H. Lewis,
J. C. Murphy,
A. W. Carkin,
C. F. Shugrue,
Thomas McCarty,
Henry R. Lewis,
F. E. Bennett,
George W. Reed,
David Polley,
Thomas Tucker.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

ALLEN R. PERHAM.

MARRIAGES,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1884.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
Feb. 24..	John McCarty, Jr.....	24	Acton	Acton.
	Mary Ann McElligott,	22	Westford	Westford.
Mar. 26..	Fred. D. Burtt.....	30	"	Milford, N. H.
	Mrs. Mary A. Hole....	34	"	Lowell.
Mar. 29..	Benj. H. Webster, Jr....	21	"	Concord.
	Nellie M. Whittemore,	19	"	Londonderry, N. H.
May 1...	Henry M. Hutchins, Jr..	21	"	Templeton.
	Florence M. Downs....	21	"	Vassalboro', Me.
May 14..	William P. Gannett.....	48	Boston	Boston.
	Lucy A. Butler.....	37	Woburn	Dracut.
May 26..	William M. Lee.....	45	Westford	Stanstead, P. Q.
	Mary A. Whitney.....	39	Lowell	Williamsburg, N. Y.
June 8...	George L. Bennett.....	31	Westford.....	Montville, Me.
	Mary L. Nickerson....	26	"	Sangerville, Me.
June 18.	Myron A. Queen	25	Chelmsford...	Tyngsboro'.
	Lelia B. Merrill.....	22	Westford	Springfield.
July 30..	Hiram W. Leland	37	"	Westford.
	Mary E. Sanders	18	New York....	New York.
Aug. 20.	Peter A. Sheahan	22	Westford	Chelmsford.
	Emma M. Wall.....	21	"	Waltham.
Sept. 6..	Charles H. Bicknell.....	23	"	Westford.
	Almeda Grey.....	19	N. Brunswick,	New Brunswick.
Sept. 16.	James W. Flint.....	23	Concord	Lincoln.
	Mary E. Moore.....	28	Westford	Westford.
Sept. 18.	Leroy B. Leland.....	31	"	"
	Ellen Griffin.....	25	"	Ireland.
Sept. 25.	John J. Dunn	28	"	Chelmsford.
	Mary J. Donohue.....	27	Lowell	Ireland.
Sept. 29.	William Reed, 2d.....	60	Westford	Westford.
	Lettice J. Doughty....	32	Lowell	Topsham, Me.
Sept. 29.	Charles G. Wright.....	25	Westford.....	Groton.
	Ada L. Clogston.....	27	Newton.....	Waltham.
Dec. 6...	Calvin J. Springer.....	27	Westford.....	Hancock, Me.
	Fanny B. Horton.....	24	"	Brooks, Me.

BIRTHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1884.

DATE.		NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.	2	—— Caunter	John W. and Elizabeth J. Caunter.
"	8	Mary Rosalinda Heyer	Henry and Bridget Heyer.
"	21	Maggie Alice Dailey	George F. and Margaret Dailey.
"	25	John William Hutchinson	George and Annie Hutchinson.
"	29	Everett Lambert Bennett.	Frederick E. and Isabella L. Bennett.
"	29	Joseph H. Decatur	William H. and Susan Decatur.
"	31	Charles Francis Shugrue	Charles F. and Rosanna Shugrue.
Feb.	4	Honora Sullivan	Timothy and Nellie Sullivan.
"	23	—— Mead	Patrick and Ann Mead.
Mar.	2	Isabel Johnson	William W. and Annie Johnson.
"	3	Barnard J. Flynn	John and Ellen Flynn.
"	9	—— Dailey	Patrick and Hannah Dailey.
"	10	Leonard Joseph Dane	Lewis C. and Lena V. Dane.
"	16	Chester L. Hunt	George W. and Annie P. Hunt.
"	25	Carl Burton Finney	Sanford and Mary E. Finney.
April	4	—— Wright	Gilman F. and Alma G. Wright.
"	6	Mabel May Quinn	Thomas and Mary J. Quinn.
"	18	Mary Catchpole	Herbert C. and Polly Catchpole.
"	27	John Moseley Abbot	Abiel J. and Mary Alice Abbot.
"	27	—— Piper	William F. and Emma M. Piper.
"	28	Frances Simpson	Charles and Frances Simpson.
"	28	Katie Teresa Leland	George A. and Mary Leland.
May	6	—— Blodgett	Samuel and Margaret Blodgett.
"	9	Martha E. Hildreth	Julian and Myra A. Hildreth.
"	12	Charles Wilkerson	Julian and Elizabeth Wilkerson.
"	21	John Clarence Murphy	John C. and Nellie Murphy.
June	28	Alvin B. Yapp	George and Sarah Yapp.
July	5	Joseph Couture	Charles and Delima Couture.
"	10	—— Gower	William and Polly Gower.
"	11	Annie Connell	William and Nellie F. Connell.
"	19	Eva Ardella Parker	Daniel W. and L. Ardella Parker.
"	19	Albert L. Waller	Duane H. and Nettie J. Waller.
"	22	Alberta Gould Wilson	Joseph H. and Carrie Wilson.
"	26	Stella Isabel Wilson	Justus B. and Emma J. Wilson.
"	26	William E. Wright	Charles H. and Janet Wright.
"	27	Edward Hanley	Daniel and Catherine Hanley.
"	28	William Quinn	John and Bridget Quinn.
"	29	Mary Teresa Loftus	John L. and Ellen Loftus.
Aug.	19	Maud Eva Carkin	Augustine W. and Susie Carkin.
"	20	Julia Beatrice Dufort	Solomon and Philamen Dufort.
Sept.	7	Maud Mary Turner	Amos P. and Jenny Turner.
"	11	Sadie Bertha Fuller	Frank and Eugenie Fuller.
"	14	Leroy Clarence Hartford	George H. and Lizzie J. Hartford.
Dec.	27	—— Edwards	Charles and Mary E. Edwards.

DEATHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1884.

DATE.		NAMES.	AGE. YEARS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Jan.	3	J. Murray Chamberlin	43	6	9
"	3	Sarah J. Horton	50	9	—
Mar.	7	Salina M. Lewis	33	5	22
"	9	—— Dailey	—	—	—
"	18	Hannah M. Dailey	27	—	—
Apr.	1	Mattie Neal Noyes	25	—	22
"	15	William Henry Craven	2	2	21
"	18	Mary Catchpole	—	—	—
"	18	Joseph Duren	85	—	2
"	20	Eliza H. Byam	85	4	14
May	11	Benjamin A. Noyes	70	3	—
"	15	Sanford Finney	40	6	24
"	28	Myra A. Hildreth	28	9	5
June	7	Leonard Luce	85	—	23
Aug.	3	John W. F. Hook	—	8	5
"	4	Hannah Bocock	47	6	—
"	7	Isabella C. Hildreth	101	—	1
"	10	Hezekiah Dwinell	79	9	11
"	25	John Haley	55	—	—
"	29	Jacob A. Wright	73	8	—
"	31	Greenlief H. Drew	70	3	17
Sept.	12	Mary E. Desmond	24	4	—
"	12	Amanda F. Whitney	46	6	20
"	15	Ellery C. Wright	41	—	—
"	16	Melissa Thompson	84	8	23
Oct.	15	Annie Connell	—	3	24
"	17	Margaret B. Harrison	67	—	—
"	20	Florence Sullivan	65	—	—
"	28	Edith M. Berry	1	5	—
Nov.	7	John F. Hosmer	21	5	—
"	12	Abram Wright	56	8	27
Dec.	1	Maggie Boyle	23	—	—
"	2	Josiah Vose	69	3	26
"	24	George B. Hildreth	73	—	26

Number who died in Westford 32
Number brought to Westford for burial 2

Total number recorded 34

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX ss., Dec. 31, 1884.

Joseph B. Heald, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the treasury of said Middlesex County, One Hundred and Eighty-Seven $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars, for Dog Licenses, for the Year Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Four, as per his account of the 29th inst.

$187.80. AMOS STONE,

County Treasurer.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED, 1884.

No.
1. Dane, Hiram
2. Drew, Thomas
3. Carkin, I. W.
4. Worcester, I. S.
5. Whitney, Julian
6. Norrie, John
7. Whitney, Hiram
8. Wilson, J. H.
9. Vose, W. M.
10, 11. Whiting, A.
12. Fletcher, S. D.
13, 14. Fletcher, Harry
15. Morse, G. M.
16. Hamlin, S. A.
17. Whitney, Henry
18. Hamlin, E. A.
19. Moore, J. W.
20. Martin, John
21. Lewis, Fred H.
22. Nutting, E. G.
23. Horn, G. F.
24. Whitney, E. J.
25. Horan, J. H.
26. Sheahan, Andrew
27. Gardner, Robert
28. Hawkes, W. O.
29. 30. Nesmith, G. W.
31. Callahan, John
32. Feeney, John
33. Greig, David
34. Gould, G. E.
35. Murphy, John

No.
36. Sullivan, F.
37. Holesworth, D.
38. O'Brien, James
39. Quinn, John
40. Marshall, J.
41. Butterfield, L. O.
42. Abbot, A. J.
43. Abbot & Co.
44. Leighton, Amos
45. Comey, W. S.
46. Moore, E. A.
47. Cummings, E. M.
48. Frederick, G. S.
49. Burke, Dennis
50. Fletcher, B. M.
51. Agnew, William
52. Downs, M. F.
53. Prescott, E. J.
54. Nutting, B. F.
55. Dunn, John J.
56. York, John
57. Ward, Daniel
58. Prescott, Nathan
59. Dupee, George
60, 61. Reed, William
62. Stevens, Reinhold
63. Wall, Patrick
64. Sherman, Daniel
65. Whitney, W. M.
66. Desmond, Fannie
67. McDonald, Angus
68. Blodgett, T. A.

No.
69. Fletcher, Andrew
70. Caldwell, Otis
71. Hutchins, George
72. Buckminster, E. F.
73. Fletcher, L. T.
74. Sweatt, F. A.
75. Lackin, John
76. Hindle, Frank
77. Wright, C. A.
78. Loftus, John
79. Gower, William
80. Hutchins, M. J.
81. Wright, Arthur
82. Day, I. E.
83. Gilson, Edwin
84. Griffin, C. M.
85. Ireland, G. H.
86. Haley, James
87. Sweetzer, Judson
88. Sweetzer, Nathan'l
89. Driscoll, John
90. Drew, Frank C.
91. Carmichael, David
92. O'Brien, Cornelius
93. Prescott, P. B.
94, 95. Wright, Erastus
96. Reed, William, 2d
97. Reed, Charles W.
98. Perham, G. A.
99. Blodgett, L. W.
100. Davis, A. S.
101. Day, George T.

Males 99, Females 2. Total 101.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LOWELL, February 12, 1885.

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with your request I have examined the accounts of Sherman D. Fletcher, Esq., Town Treasurer, of Westford, for the year ending February 11, 1885, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. Not an error or discrepancy was found in the thorough examination made; and I also certify that the funds of the town in his possession were counted by me, and found to be exactly the amount ($2,021.95) called for by his books, at the close of my examination.

The receipts and payments made by him during the year are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

To balance cash on hand at commencement of the year..	$3,334 32
" cash borrowed.....	5,000 00
" " from state—balance of corporation tax, 1883, in full.....	11 24
" " " " corporation tax, 1884, in full.....	1,422 19
" " " " National Bank tax, 1884, in full....	953 06
" " " " aid to soldiers' families, 1883, refunded.....	393 00
" " " " aid to indigent soldiers, 1883, refunded.....	233 50
" " " " school fund, 1883–4.....	174 97
" " " County Treasurer—dog tax, 1883.....	250 84
" " " " " discount on county tax for advance payment.....	5 98
Amount carried forward.....	$11,779 10

Amount brought forward		$11,779 10
To cash from	I. W. Sprague, license, 1884	150 00
" " "	M. F. Downs, license, 1884	100 00
" " "	B. F. Nutting, license, 1884	100 00
" " "	Joseph Marshall, license, 1884	100 00
" " "	Town of Groton, for scholars sent to school No. 3	25 50
" " "	Alvan Fisher, Auctioneer's license	2 00
" " "	J. S. Moulton, Superintendent of Schools, books sold	15 05
" " "	E. H. Keyes, for apples East Cemetery	1 75
" " "	M. H. A. Evans, rent of Keyes' pond	1 00
" " "	Joseph H. Wilson, Janitor Town House	55 00
" " "	for gravel sold at East Cemetery	1 00
" " "	Isaac E. Day, Collector, 1881	316 35
" " "	" " " 1882	228 13
" " "	" " " 1883	1,383 64
" " "	" " " 1884, before Oct. 6	11,649 15
" " "	" " " " " Dec. 6	2,576 25
" " "	" " " " after Dec. 6	500 57
" " "	" " " interest on taxes	44 00
Total Receipts		$29,028 49

PAYMENTS.

By cash for notes and interest	$7,405 84	
" " for state tax, 1884	1,300 00	
" " for county tax, 1884	598 00	
" " to State Treasurer, 25 per cent. on licenses	112 50	
" " to Overseers of the Poor, on orders	1,954 40	
" " on orders for incidental and other expenses	11,908 69	
" " on account of schools	3,727 11	
" balance cash in hands of Treasurer	2,021 95	
Total		$29,028 49

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. D'EVELYN,

Auditor.

To Messrs. GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

STATEMENT.

The Selectmen submit the following statement, showing the financial condition of the town, derived from the Treasurer's books and other sources, at date, viz:

RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1884	$ 446 00
" " aid to indigent soldiers, 1884	230 50
" " rent of armory, 1884	175 00
" " Isaac E. Day, Collector, 1881	37 44
" " " " " 1882	388 67
" " " " " 1883	530 87
" " " " " 1884	3,320 05
Balance cash in Treasury	2,021 95
	$7,150 48

LIABILITIES.

Two notes held by Worcester County Institution for Savings, for $2,000 each,	$4,000 00	
Accrued interest on the above notes	38 53	
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended	1,462 83	
Balance due Miller, McNeil & Co., for furniture for Graniteville school house,	237 00	
		$5,738 36
		$1,412 12

It will be seen by the foregoing statement that if all the resources could be made available, and applied at once to the indebtedness, the claim against the town could be wholly paid and leave a small surplus in the treasury of $1,412.12.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

THE Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report:

Value of real estate, May 1, 1884	$857,617 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1884	163,960 00
Amount raised to defray town debts and charges	4,000 00
" " for schools	3,500 00
" " " roads and bridges	2,400 00
" " " school house at Graniteville	6,500 00
" " " library	150 00
" " " state tax	1,300 00
" " " county tax	598 00
" " " overlayings	241 17
Tax on one hundred dollars	1 73

Number of polls	533
dwelling houses	447
horses	325
cows	567
sheep	24

ASAPH CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,
Assessors of Westford.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending February 29th, 1884.....		$50 00	
1883. June, time and expense two journeys to Lowell, insuring town property....		3 00	
" August, time and expense to Lowell, insuring school house No. 7.....		1 50	
" October, time and expense to Boston, paying State tax and per cent. on liquor licenses.....		3 50	
1884. January, time and expense to Lowell, insuring alms-house buildings		1 50	
" February, for entertainment for committee to settle with town treasurer...		3 00	
			$62 50

TOWN CLERK.

J. B. Heald, salary as town clerk.....	$12 00	
Going to Groton to count votes	2 50	
Copying for town report.....	2 00	
Recording births, marriages, and deaths,	30 65	
Postage, express, etc.....	4 37	
Dog licenses.....	1 00	
Returning twenty-four births, by Sec. 1, Chap. 158, Resolves of 1883.....	6 00	
		$58 52

SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary.....	$5 00
Making out monthly State aid returns, under Chaps. 252 and 301, Acts 1879,	6 00
Making out monthly State aid book.....	6 00
Amount carried forward.....	$17 00

Amount brought forward	$17 00	
George T. Day, Making out town report	6 00	
Making out return to insurance commissioner	50	
Time spent looking after repairs on roads,	20 00	
Extra time spent as selectman	30 00	
		$73 50
A. P. Richardson, salary	$ 5 00	
Time spent looking after repairs on roads	15 00	
Extra time spent as Selectman	20 00	
		$40 00
Arthur Wright, salary	$ 5 00	
Time looking after roads	8 00	
Extra time spent as Selectman	17 00	
		$30 00
ASSESSORS.		
Henry Chamberlin, twenty-two and a half days' work taking invoice and making taxes	56 25	
Asaph B. Cutter, nineteen days' work taking invoice and making taxes	47 50	
Wm. L. Kittredge, sixteen days' work taking invoice and making taxes	40 00	
		$143 75
TAX COLLECTOR.		
Isaac E. Day, collecting $15.418.76 @ 1 per cent.	$154 18	
Collecting $2,022.10 @ 9 mills	18 19	
Collecting dog tax	10 50	
		$182 87
CONSTABLE.		
Isaac E. Day, posting warrants for three town meetings		$12 00
BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.		
G. J. Wright, attendance at nine meetings	$13 50	
W. O. Hawkes, attendance at nine meetings	13 50	
F. L. Fletcher, attendance at nine meetings	13 50	
Three days with horse	9 00	
J. B. Heald, attendance at eight meetings	12 00	
One new register	1 00	
Express, postage, and stationery	1 20	
Posting notices and voting lists	3 50	
Copying list of votes for printer	2 00	
Paid J. M. Fletcher fee as justice	25	
Time and expense going to Lowell for ballot box	1 50	
Time spent in ascertaining age and birthplace of voters	2 50	
Paid Morning Mail Office printing notices	1 25	
Paid Lowell Morning Times printing one hundred check lists	20 00	
		$94 70

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, care of schools fall term, 1883,	$50 00	
care of schools winter term, 1883–'84....	50 00	
" " spring term, 1884.....	50 00	
" " fall " "	50 00	
making out school report.....	10 00	
making out returns to state.....	1 50	
		$211 50

THE FOLLOWING SUMS ARE THE ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885:

April .....by order.....	$162 05	
May .....by order.....	368 00	
June.....by order.....	139 43	
" .....by order.....	47 15	
August ....by order.....	191 85	
October ...by order.....	211 26	
" ...by order.....	52 49	
November .by order.....	185 87	
December..by order.....	130 48	
" .by order.....	65 00	
January...by order.....	194 92	
February..by order.....	105 90	
" ..by order.....	100 00	
		$1,954 40

EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SERVICES OF LIBRARIAN.

Paid Clara M. Wiley, for services as librarian from January 1, 1884, to January 1, 1885,....	$72 00	
Clara M. Wiley, for extra work for year end- April 1, 1884.....	5 00	
Eliza A. Babbitt, making out report and catalogue of new books.....	3 00	
Directors of library, May.....	75 00	
" " June.....	35 00	
" " July	40 00	
" " December	75 00	
" " January.....	64 41	
Stone, Bacheller & Co., printing slips.....	5 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for 50 lbs. paper, etc.....	6 06	
		$380 97

TOWN HOUSE.

EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, for services as janitor from Febuary 1, 1884, to February 1, 1885....	$75 00	
J. H. Wilson, sawing 3½ cords wood.....	4 87	
A. P. Richardson, for 26 feet oak wood.....	16 25	
J. M. Fletcher, for 55 gallons kerosene oil....	8 25	
Wright & Fletcher, for 50 gallons kerosene oil,	7 70	
" " 15 lbs. parafine wax..	3 00	
" " chimneys, matches, etc.	5 02	
" " nails, soap, etc.....	1 23	
" " three brooms.....	1 05	
" " putty.....	37	
J. M. Fletcher, for 1 gross matches.....	20	
Joseph Prescott, for 6 feet pine wood.....	3 37	
H. H. Page, for setting glass.....	1 00	
Whithed & Co., for coal.....	41 78	
		$169 09

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory due from State.....	$175 00	
Received from J. H. Wilson, Janitor.....	55 00	
	$230 00	

EXPENSE OF PAINTING TOWN HOUSE FENCE.

Paid E. A. Hamlin, for labor.....	$33 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for oil, lead and putty...	22 39	
		$55 89

PRINTING.

Paid Huse, Goodwin & Co., for school reports.....	$17 00	
Morning Mail Office, for 600 town reports...	71 00	
" " " " 100 check lists.....	10 25	
" " " " 300 warrants.....	9 50	
" " " " blank receipts.....	1 50	
" " " " notices, envelopes, &c	16 90	
Marden & Rowell, for school regulations.....	3 00	
		$129 15

EXPENSE OF INSURANCE.

Paid for renewal of insurance on school house No. 6.....		$30 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid E. C. Atwood, M. D., reporting 17 births...	$4 25
T. A. Blodgett, appraising property, at town farm, 1883 and 1884.....	4 00
D. Falls, for express February and March....	2 50
J. S. D'Evelyn, services as auditor.....	3 00
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal services, as follows: Preparation and trial in Superior Court of Hittinger case, for the recovery of taxes paid under protest.....	35 00
For drawing and filing exceptions in above case and defending same in court at Cambridge.....	25 00
For preparation and hearing before County Commissioners, on petition of Hittinger for abatement of taxes.....	30 00
For services in preparing record of County Commissioners in same matter, drawing petition to Supreme Judicial Court, for certiorari, filing same, and services at Boston in getting order of court thereon....	25 00
For preparation and argument in both cases before the full bench, cash paid for printing briefs, expense, etc.....	65 00
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal advice for year,	100 00
A. P. Richardson, attending 27 funerals, with hearse.....	54 00
John M. Fletcher, appraising property at town farm, 1884.....	2 00
Charles E. Adams, for locks, etc., for town house.....	5 50
Humphrey Machine Company, for steel plate for road machine.....	6 00
Humphrey Machine Company, for one spring for road machine.....	50
A. W. Cummings, appraising property at town farm, 1883 and 1884.....	4 00
J. S. Moulton, for express on school books...	4 40
F. O. Decatur, as per bill.....	3 86
C. G. Sargent's Sons, for scraper plate.....	7 10
estate of S. Finney, for chloride of lime, coal hod, lanterns, etc., for town house.....	6 40
E. G. Nutting, for work at north burying ground	5 00
J. T. Colburn, for work at west burying ground,	6 90
George Drew, building and hanging gate at east burying ground.....	8 50
Wm. Brown, for road scraper.....	26 50
Amount carried forward.....	$434 41

Amount brought forward	$434 41	
Paid F. O. Decatur, as per bill for blacksmithing	16 44	
C. K. Darling, for record book for town clerk,	6 50	
George Hartford, for use of field for cavalry inspection, September 3	9 00	
C. F. Keyes, for gravel	10 00	
S. M. Hutchins, for work at east burying ground	2 60	
Boston & Lowell R. R., for freight and express, as per bill	3 65	
Wm. C. Edwards, for labor and material building carbine closets for cavalry company,	46 84	
Boston & Lowell R. R., for freight	1 50	
United States & Canada Express, eight charges on proof of town report	1 20	
United States & Canada Express, charge on three bundles town reports	60	
United States & Canada Express, charge on one bundle town library	15	
one bundle reports, to Graniteville	15	
United States & Canada Express, two packages from State House	40	
United States & Canada Express, two express charges	40	
For telephone messages, etc	1 05	
Express on road machine plate from Keene, N. H.	75	
Expense in committing insane to Worcester, including car fare, hack hire, physicians' certificates, not reimbursed by County of Worcester	19 60	
Whitney & Tibbetts, for plank for bridge	3 73	
Howe Bros. & Co., lumber for guide boards	6 75	
Wright & Fletcher, for nails	58	
" " " paper, envelopes, postage, etc., for town officers and schools	16 03	
Wright & Fletcher, for one ledger	1 50	
" " " one lantern	90	
" " " 4 lamps and fixtures for town house	1 92	
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill, for sundries	4 43	
		$591 08

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND EXPENSE OF BOOKS, ETC., FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

School House No. 1—Two Schools.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for three brooms	$1 20	
" " for crayons, 5 boxes	1 00	
Amount carried forward	$2 20	

Amount brought forward	$2 20	
Paid J. M. Fletcher, for ink, erasers, etc	2 75	
" " for crayons, erasers, etc	2 33	
J. S. Moulton, for readers	1 90	
T. A. Bean, for cleaning and putting up stove pipe	2 25	
Wright & Fletcher, for crayons, four boxes	80	
" " for books	7 27	
" " for dust pan, brush and broom	85	
" " for coal hod and shovel	80	
" " for zinc, etc	1 93	
		$23 08

School House No. 2.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for bell	$ 40	
" " for crayons, one box	20	
E. A. Stevens, for repairs, etc	6 00	
for cover for stove	75	
Wright & Fletcher, for books	1 75	
" " for crayons, three boxes,	60	
" " for broom and dust pan,	50	
		$10 20
Whitney & Tibbetts, for lumber for fence	$30 63	
J. Marshall, for 30 posts for fence	7 50	
George Drew, for building fence	13 40	
H. H. Page, for painting fence and furnishing stock	20 00	
		$71 53

School House No. 3—Two Schools.

Paid for desk books	$ 85	
for setting glass	56	
J. O. Kidder, for replastering and whitening walls	24 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for books	17 00	
Wright & Bemis, for 3 brooms	1 05	
" " for crayons, 1 box	20	
		$43 66

School House No. 4.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for crayons, 3 boxes	$ 60	
" " for pail and broom	40	
" " for paper and slate	52	
" " for books, etc	5 01	
E. A. Stevens, for new blackboard	6 50	
P. G. Collins, for repairs	1 73	
George Drew, for relaying floor	22 00	
		$36 76

School House No. 5.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for crayons, 1 box	$ 20	
" " for erasers, etc	45	
Wright & Fletcher, for books	4 95	
" " for crayons, 3 boxes	60	
" " for 2 brooms and dust pan	80	
C. J. Springer, for cleaning clock	1 00	
E. A. Stevens, for paint and labor on blackboards	4 50	
		$12 50

School House No. 6.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for bell	$ 40	
J. S. Moulton, for reader	50	
Wright & Fletcher, for crayons, 3 boxes	60	
" " for books	2 10	
" " for ink, etc	41	
" " for 2 brooms and pail	95	
E. A. Stevens, for paint and labor on blackboards	5 00	
Thomas Drew, for repairs	37	
P. G. Collins, for repairs	2 28	
George H. Holt, for Centennial pump, platform, cleaning out well, etc	20 50	
		$33 11

School House No. 7.

Paid for 2 brooms	$ 70	
for 2 boxes crayons	50	
Wright & Fletcher, for books	6 55	
George H. Holt, for repairing pump	2 25	
Wm. C. Edwards, for repairs	5 56	
		$15 56

School House No. 8.

Paid for desk books, etc	$2 52	
Wright & Fletcher, for books	6 05	
" " for broom and crayons, 1 box	55	
		$9 12

School House No. 10—Two Schools.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, for books	$ 80	
Wright & Bemis, for books	12 39	
" " for crayons, 4 boxes	80	
" " for dust pan, brush, etc	65	
" " for brooms and pail	1 30	
		$15 94

BOOKS FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid Wm. Ware & Co., for histories, 10	$ 8 34	
Warren P. Adams, for readers, 22	10 07	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for Colburn's Arithmetics, 14	3 38	
Clark & Maynard Co., for 12 E. C	1 20	
Iverson, for 16 Wells' Course	4 80	
" for 3 S. Readers, etc	1 60	
Boston School Supply Co., for 10 "How to Talk"	3 50	
Boston School Supply Co., for 4 Warren's Geographies	3 60	
Boston School Supply Co., for 4 Progressive Geographies	1 60	
Boston School Supply Co., for 4 Practical Arithmetics	3 00	
Boston School Supply Co., for 4 Elementary Arithmetics	1 60	
Boston School Supply Co., for ½ dozen Prang's drawing cards	45	
Knight, Adams & Co., for labels, account books, etc	8 23	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for Colburn's Arithmetics	3 59	
Wright & Fletcher, for 1st and 2d Readers	4 45	
" " for 3d and 4th Readers	4 30	
" " for spellers	2 55	
" " for composition books	2 25	
" " for writing books	3 07	
" " for geographies, etc	4 50	
		$76 08

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO BUILD NEW SCHOOL HOUSE AT GRANITEVILLE.

At a town meeting held April 30th, 1883, a committee was chosen to ascertain the expense of building a new school house at Graniteville, and report at a future meeting. Said committee, at the March meeting, 1884, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted: "Whereas, the present house is insufficient to accommodate the pupils now in attendance, is inconveniently located and not adequate to the growing needs of the place, it is, in our opinion, advisable to build a new house, the expense of said house not to exceed $6,500. We further report that land for location can be had at a cost of three cents per foot." The committee, after deciding upon a plan, purchased 24,690 square feet of land of the estate of

C. G. Sargent, for erection of a building, at a cost of $450. Estimates were procured and the contract for putting in cellar, building house, etc., was awarded to William C. Edwards, whose estimate was considerably less than any other, being $3,700 for building above underpinning, and $1,150 for putting in cellar and doing grading. The building contains four school rooms, seating fifty-five scholars in each room.

A contract was made with Miller, McNeil & Co., of Winchester, to furnish seats, teachers' desks, chairs, settees, etc., for two rooms, at an expense of $400, the seats to be delivered and set up free of expense to the town. The seats for a third room, for primary scholars, have been procured at a cost of $87.00, of the same firm. Two portable furnaces have been furnished by S. G. Mack & Co., of Lowell, for $285, as per contract. All bills for the various classes of work have been paid in full, except Miller, McNeil & Co.'s bill for seats, to whom $250 have been paid on account, leaving a balance their due of $237, making whole cost of building when complete $6,500. The items of expense are as follows:

Paid trustees of the estate of C. G. Sargent, for land for school house	$450 00
Jonathan Larcom, for plan	25 00
Merrill & Cutler, for plan adopted	130 75
Melvin B. Smith, surveying for cellar	10 00
William C. Edwards, for putting in cellar, foundation walls, and doing grading, by contract	1,150 00
William C. Edwards, for building school house, furnishing all material above underpinning, by contract	3700 00
William C. Edwards, for putting in foundation for furnaces	33 50
William C. Edwards, for building cold air boxes	34 75
S. G. Mack, for two No. 2 portable furnaces,	285 00
J. C. Butterfield, for painting roof of school house	45 00
W. C. Edwards, extra for ash finish	60 00
" " extra for oiling and puttying floors	29 00
W. C. Edwards, putting extra mouldings under chalk boxes	12 00
W. C. Edwards, putting up lattice work, etc., in rear of building	19 00
Amount carried forward	$5,984 00

Amount brought forward	$5,984 00	
Paid W. C. Edwards, putting on extra blind trimmings	8 00	
Miller, McNeil & Co., on account of contract for seats	250 00	
Arthur Fenner, insurance agent, for builder's risk to the amount of $3,000, from September 9, 1884, to February 9, 1885	21 00	
		$6,263 00

George T. Day,
Arthur Wright,
Albert P. Richardson,
J. S. Moulton,
J. H. Read,
J. B. Heald,
William Reed,
F. G. Sargent,
Building Committee New School House at Graniteville.

STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

As Authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

Paid January	$40 00	
February	40 00	
March	46 00	
April	40 00	
May	35 00	
June	35 00	
July	16 00	
August	35 00	
September	35 00	
October	35 00	
November	53 00	
December	51 00	
		$461 00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

As Authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

Paid January	$34 50
February	50 50
March	41 50
April	35 50
May	35 50
Amount carried forward	$197 50

Amount brought forward	$197 50	
Paid June	35 50	
July	35 50	
August	35 50	
September	35 50	
October	35 50	
November	35 50	
December	35 50	
		$446 00
Expense going to Millville to obtain information in regard to Thomas Lawler, as ordered by State Aid Commissioners	9 70	
		$9 70

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Of the amount raised for repairs of roads and bridges and breaking roads, there has been paid to H. D. Pierce, Master of Town Farm, for work of self, men and horses, the sum of $1301.01. The amount paid all others for labor is $353.83. For breaking roads $196.36 has been expended.

Paid Francis Caldwell for taking up and repairing bridge, etc	$5 00	
Dennis McCarty	3 85	
W. W. Bemer	7 86	
April, 1884.		
Albert King	15 48	
Joseph Allard	15 48	
Charles Piersons	13 70	
May.		
Albert King	27 15	
Joseph Allard	22 26	
June.		
Albert King	34 25	
George F. Millis, work on bridge	5 00	
July and August.		
Albert King	45 64	
H. E. Fletcher, for repairing "Andrew Fletcher road"	24 00	
William Agnew, for cutting brush	2 00	
Sept., Oct. and Nov.		
Albert King and J. Allard	67 54	
Wm. M. Vose	3 00	
D. C. Cartney	5 00	
George Hartford, for cleaning out bridge, etc.	5 85	
W. F. Balch, repairing "brick yard hill road,"	12 55	
Wright & Bemis, for powder and fuse	6 22	
Bromfield Leland	10 00	
all others except H. D. Pierce, men and teams	22 71	
H. D. Pierce, men and teams	1,301 01	
		$1,654 84

EXPENSE OF BREAKING ROADS.

March, 1884.

Paid George Yapp	67	
John H. Whitney,	3 45	
George Gorman	1 50	
Ai Bicknell	2 65	
John Wayne	95	
John Haley	90	
Samuel L. Taylor	3 00	
Andrew Shehan	53	
John H. Horan	2 40	
James H. O'Brien	3 00	
James O'Brien	1 80	
John Flynn	60	
John Clark	2 25	
W. W. Johnson	8 37	
A. P. Richardson and others	9 77	
John Smith	3 00	
Charles Haskell	2 95	
H. O. Keyes	5 25	
Francis Caldwell	2 70	
R. T. Ruiter	2 25	
George Wilkins	3 00	
Henry Lewis	1 50	
H. D. Pierce	33 00	
J. W. Blodgett	3 00	
Luther Wilkins	1 25	
George E. Gould, with teams	12 75	
E. A. Stevens	3 40	
F. C. Hildreth	3 15	
G. A. Perham	6 15	
S. E. Hutchins and others	10 90	
G. W. Hunt	4 85	
C. E. Walker	1 20	
J. F. Sweetser	6 30	
G. S. Frederick	85	
Angus McDonald	8 00	
M. F. Hutchins	1 05	
Fletcher Brothers	2 10	
William M. Vose	2 40	
John Wilson	2 50	
James Hildreth	6 30	
William Agnew	3 80	
George Hartford	2 47	
W. F. Balch	2 18	
Mark Boynton	83	
G. T. Day	8 00	
W. W. Johnson	4 62	
Edmund Dowe	2 82	
		$196 36

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1881,	Paul F. S. Clark	$2 00	
	Peter Haley	3 00	
	Sidney D. Whitney	2 00	
	Clarence Webster	2 00	
	W. W. Stiles	2 00	
1882,	Elizabeth S. Abbott	50	
	J. W. Bostwick	2 00	
	Sted. Bowker	2 00	
	John Craig	4 39	
	Joseph Dumont	2 00	
	George M. Davis	2 00	
	Curtis Dean	2 00	
	R. B. Fiske	2 00	
	S. C. Fiske	2 00	
	Patrick Farley	2 00	
	James H. Hall	2 00	
	George Hussey	2 00	
	James Kerley	2 00	
	Hiram Leland	2 00	
	Napoleon Lavasieur	2 00	
	C. N. Larkin	2 00	
	John Murphy, 2d	2 00	
	Edward Moran	2 00	
	Daniel Morse	2 00	
	Edward Manders	2 00	
	A. G. Naylor	2 00	
	Andrew O'Brien	2 00	
	Sherman L. Prescott	2 00	
	William H. Parker	2 00	
	Walker Riley	2 00	
	Amos L. Reid	2 00	
	David L. Reid	2 00	
	Michael Shern	8 10	
	Oscar Sweatt	2 00	
	James St. Louis	2 00	
	Daniel Shay	4 57	
	Patrick Sweny	2 00	
	George Short	2 00	
	Thomas Turner	2 00	
	Joseph Woodhead	2 00	
			$90 56

THE FOLLOWING TAXES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AS ERRORS.

1881,	Estate of C. G. Sargent	23 94
1882,	Thomas S. Hittinger	94 50
	Amount carried forward	$118 44

Amount brought forward	$118 44	
1882, Estate of Charles A. Wheeler	2 43	
Estate of Sarah Sweetser	2 70	
William Turner	2 00	
Mervin Steel	2 00	
B. A. Noyes	2 00	
George Moriarty	2 00	
George A. Cummings	2 00	
Ransom George	2 00	
Lester H. Hamblett	2 00	
1884, Estate of Joseph Hildreth	2 00	
Estate of Leonard Luce	34 60	
		$174 17

SUMMARY.

	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.	1875.
Town Officers	$ 408 27	$ 435 67	$ 380 67	$ 439 47	$ 436 81	$ 380 16	$ 345 32	$ 375 97	$ 427 44	$ 944 24
Tax Collector and Constables	194 87	136 15	147 80	143 39	178 40	141 55	147 98	152 34	116 28	150 00
School Committee	211 50	112 50	172 50	166 33	168 25	164 75	170 00	183 40	254 50	197 00
Town Library	380 97	414 68	377 11	536 38	319 20	340 05	299 49	336 28	243 21	277 58
Town House	169 09	165 33	196 73	175 84	183 45	171 12	166 47	236 25	145 00	50 00
Painting Town House Fence	55 89									
Printing	129 15	138 47	153 97	142 95	126 90	119 75	110 68	179 85	110 45	204 00
Insurance	30 00	97 75		183 00	216 75		118 50			
School Houses	271 46	112 64	65 92	190 55	170 96	164 91	118 35	189 36	204 42	584 00
Incidental Expenses	591 08	774 84	493 46	508 27	500 42	460 07	870 71	897 11	531 03	1,315 61
State Aid	455 70	393 00	338 00	363 00	427 50	360 00	533 50	414 00	472 00	492 00
State Aid to Indigent Soldiers	461 00	467 00	514 00	387 40	449 00	229 70	374 40			
Roads and Bridges	1,654 84	1,934 77	1,477 41	1,552 07	1,504 19	1,454 98	1,871 81	1,808 13	2,244 85	1,957 54
Breaking Roads	196 36	11 92	620 86	420 63	70 86	239 22	140 26			
Overseers of Poor	1,954 40	2,058 68	2,029 76	2,147 94	1,680 66	1,913 32	1,561 39	2,331 00	3,418 00	1,907 50
Abatement of Taxes	90 56	140 00	10 21	266 54	231 86	216 45	151 45	224 28	98 47	883 42
Errors in Taxes	174 17									
Schools, Books for	76 08									
Graniteville School House	6,263 00									
Registration Board	94 70									
	$13,863 09	$8,427 16	$8,319 56							

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON, } *Selectmen of Westford.*

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 6, 1885:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

February 6, 1885	$3,273 71
February 9, 1884	2,827 09
Gain on personal property	$446 82

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's books.

Received for milk	$563 55
for eggs	13 62
for onions	37 19
for hogs and pigs	65 98
for cranberries	55 25
for cow	40 00
for horse	50 50
for cabbages	3 75
for chickens	12 00
for straw	5 00
for cider	31 24
for hay	8 00
for potatoes	1 50
for breaking out roads	31 50
for calves	14 50
for labor off the farm	28 20
for work on the roads	1,301 01
for beets	2 95
for cart	16 00
for witness' fee	1 40
for peas	8 86
Amount carrried forward	$2,292 00

Amount brought forward	$2,292 00
Received for apples	13 73
for tomatoes	1 50
for old iron	6 40
for turkeys	12 74
for sundries, as by H. D. Pierce's book	20 50
for the board of John Callahan	46 00
for the board of Sarah Keesy	6 00
for the board of Mrs. Jackson	10 00
for indigent soldiers	299 00
	$2,707 87

PAYMENTS.

Paid for advertising	$2 00
for plough	16 50
for one horse	250 00
for dry goods	1 70
for butchering	3 00
for use of horse	10 00
for stove	41 14
for fish	8 50
for crackers	45 50
for hammer	1 50
for medicine	12 50
for blacksmith work	125 30
for trunk	5 00
for shoes and repairing	5 45
for freight	4 71
for sowing onions	75
for oil cloth carpet	10 00
for labor	736 32
for groceries	652 68
for lime	50
for cement	32 00
for lumber	13 30
for tan	75
for bed clothing	3 75
for milk can	1 75
for padlock	50
for apple parer	75
for repairing stove	3 50
for hay	131 74
for house paper	2 00
for weighing hay	1 55
for teapot	32
for clothing	24 00
for horse collar	2 00
for use of corn planter	75
Amount carried forward	$2,151 71

Amount brought forward		$2,151 71
Paid for meat		189 70
for cabbage plants		40
for tomato plants		1 40
for butter		64 59
for grain		618 87
for repairing harness		18 20
for grindstone		3 31
for chain		3 70
for pump		1 50
for ice		2 40
for cows		140 00
for making cider in 1882, 1883, 1884		39 20
for medical attendance		28 90
for wheelwright work		48 33
for use of bull		5 00
for sawing lumber		75
for pickaxe		3 00
for cutting corn		19 50
for hay knife		1 75
for mat		1 00
for soap		4 00
for barrel		1 00
for sawset		85
for coal		20 69
for mending tin		25
for H. D. Pierce's salary for the year ending April 1, 1884		550 00
for sundries		2 41
for mowing machine		70 00
John P. Green		6 25
T. Carney		7 00
Cash on hand at last settlement		278 23
		$4,283 89
Deduct proceeds sold from the farm	$2,707 87	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	242 38	
Expense of keeping 356 tramps	89 00	
Gain on personal property	446 82	
		$3,486 07
Leaves as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the almshouse		$797 82

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for wood for Jane A. L. Patch	$ 5 00
S. Finney, for goods for Mrs. J. Moran	8 00
Amount carried forward	$13 00

Amount brought forward		$13 00
Paid hospital bills at Worcester, for A. H. Woodward, R. Keyes, T. W. Dupee, and G. O. Wright		734 69
Wright & Fletcher, for goods for A. J. Mathews		5 00
Town of Littleton, for Wm. Nichols		2 50
City of Boston, for burial expenses for Simpson child		5 00
J. B. Heald, M. D., for medical attendance on Mary Moran		7 50
J. B. Heald, M. D., for truss for Mrs. Holt		3 50
" " " for medical attendance and affidavit for G. O. Wright		4 50
J. B. Heald, M. D., for medical attendance on William Read, 3d		2 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on William Read, 3d		6 50
P. B. Prescott, for wood for Nellie Flynn		2 25
N. B. Robbins, for coffin for Mrs. Lewis		14 50
for the relief of the Ames family and removing them to Woburn		30 39
City of Boston, for Michael J. Callahan		1 00
City of Boston, for Michael Harty		3 14
E. Prescott, for expense to Boston twice to see about M. Harty and M. J. Callahan		7 00
E. Prescott, for expense of carrying Sarah Keesy to State Almshouse		4 00
E. Prescott, for going to Acton to see about the settlement of Jacob Read		2 50
E. Prescott, for making out report to the State		3 00
" " " " " " " Town		5 00
" " for services as Overseer of Poor		10 00
David Read, for services as Overseer of Poor		10 00
for postage and stationery		2 00
Wright & Bemis, for goods for C. H. Spaulding		104 00
" " " Mrs. J. Davie		104 00
for one suit of clothes for Thomas Lawler		12 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on Nellie Flynn		3 75
		$1,103 22
Received from the Town of Lancaster, for aid furnished Albert J. Mathews	$5 00	
Received from Town of Bedford, on account of William Read, 3d	9 00	
Due from Town of Woburn, for aid furnished the Ames family	30 39	
Due from State on account of State paupers	28 50	
		$72 89
Expense of the poor outside of the Almshouse		$1,030 33

STATEMENT.

Cash in Overseers' hands at last settlement...	$394 59	
in hands of Master of Almshouse at last settlement.....	278 23	
drawn from Town Treasurer.....	1,954 40	
		$2,627 22
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands.....	$242 38	
in Overseers' hands.....	5 14	
due from the State.....	28 50	
due from the Town of Woburn.....	30 39	
		$306 41
Gain on personal property.....		$446 82
		$753 23
Cost of supporting the poor exclusive of interest on farm		$1,873 99

Number receiving two meals and lodging.....	356
Number supported in the almshouse.....	12
Average number.....	10
Number receiving assistance outside of the almshouse...	31

EDWARD PRESCOTT,

Overseer of Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LOWELL, MASS., February 12, 1885.

GENTLEMEN — I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor, including the accounts kept by the Master of the Almshouse, for the year ending February 11, 1885, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN S. D'EVELYN,

Auditor.

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the Almshouse in Westford, 1885.

4 horses	$850 00
10 cows	450 00
4 hogs	50 00
1 turkey	2 00
37 fowls	22 20
7 harnesses	178 00
4 head halters	4 00
Curry combs and brushes	2 00
Horse blankets	8 00
1 buffalo robe	1 00
8 tons English hay	160 00
3 tons meadow hay	27 00
2 tons oat straw and fodder,	34 00
25 tons ensilage	100 00
200 lbs cracked corn	2 30
100 lbs. cotton seed meal	1 40
3 bushels shorts	1 00
3 bushels oats	1 50
400 lbs. meal	4 60
7 bushels pop corn	8 75
1 hay knife	1 75
12 feed boxes	3 00
4 feed baskets	5 00
12 meal bags	2 00
28 sacks	2 80
1 set measures	1 50
2 water pots	1 00
9 tie chains	1 80
8 hay forks	2 50
3 manure forks	2 75
2 manure hooks	1 25
1 potato digger	50
8 shovels and spades	2 00
Stone tools	8 00
4 hoes	1 00
3 picks	2 50
3 bog hoes	1 50
5 iron rakes	75
2 flails	25
5 iron bars	5 00
4 corn knives	40
2 hog hooks	75
1 garden hoe	65
Amount carried forward	$1,956 40

Amount brought forward	$1956 40
1 wind mill	4 00
1 corn sheller	4 00
1 hay cutter	1 00
1 apple picker	40
Ladders and hooks	8 00
6 chains	6 00
1 mowing machine	70 00
1 horse rake	28 00
1 drag rake	50
4 hay rakes	50
Scythes and snaths	6 00
2 ox yokes	1 50
1 wagon jack	2 00
2 harrows	10 00
5 plows	20 00
1 cultivator	3 00
1 dirt scraper	6 00
1 wheelbarrow	3 00
2 drags	5 00
1 sleigh	6 00
1 one-horse sled	13 00
1 four-horse sled	20 00
4 horse carts	185 00
1 farm wagon	60 00
2 express wagons	40 00
1 hay wagon	25 00
Neck yokes and eveners	12 00
2 grindstones	5 00
Wrenches and hammers	1 50
5 axes	3 00
Beetle rings and wedges	1 00
5 wood saws	3 00
Carpenter tools	10 00
¾ M shingles	3 00
200 lbs. old iron	1 00
11 baskets	3 80
1 meal chest	1 50
1 cheese press	2 00
20 cords wood	60 00
10 empty flour barrels	1 25
1½ tons coal	9 38
Amount carried forward	$2,601 73

Amount brought forward..	$2601 73
3 saw horses	1 00
2 cranberry rakes	3 00
2 barrels Haxall flour	13 00
¼ barrel St. Louis flour	1 44
3 bushels beans	5 00
½ barrel crackers	1 50
11 bars hard soap	66
½ barrel soft soap	2 50
100 lbs. lard	11 00
15 lbs. sausage	1 65
125 lbs. ham	17 50
300 lbs. salt pork	36 00
10 lbs. butter	3 20
50 bushels potatoes	25 00
3 bushels onions	2 40
10 bushels beets	5 00
5 barrels apples	7 00
17 gallons pickles	8 50
50 gallons cider	5 00
40 gallons vinegar	6 00
10 cider barrels	5 00
1 force pump	1 50
12 empty butter tubs	60
4 doz. candles	48
3 papers condition powders	50
Candle moulds	1 50
5 candle sticks	75
4 pails	75
1 slop pail	75
Glassware	4 00
Tinware	25 00
Crockery	12 00
Jugs and stoneware	2 25
Earthen pots	1 50
Chopping knife and trays	1 00
Brooms	50
2 mops	50
1 whitewash brush	2 00
1 pair steelyards	2 50
1 cow bell	75
1 dinner bell	50
1 porcelain kettle	1 25
1 copper kettle	2 00
2 lbs. G. sugar	15
2 lbs. mixed tea	1 00
Amount carried forward...	$2826 81

Amount brought forward..	$2826 81
½ pound coffee	15
Spices	1 00
Saleratus and cream tartar	25
Sundries	1 00
Knives, forks and spoons	5 00
9 lamps	2 75
7 flat irons	2 00
Table linen and towels	4 50
1 range	41 00
3 stoves	20 00
1 old stove	1 00
1 meat cutter	3 00
1 steamer	7 00
1 washing machine	2 00
2 wash boilers	3 50
3 wash tubs	1 50
1 clothes wringer	3 50
1 clothes dryer	1 00
3 clothes lines	1 50
2 clothes baskets	1 25
2 lanterns	1 70
1 seive	50
36 chairs	9 60
1 oil cloth carpet	10 00
3 rocking chairs	2 00
1 cabinet chair	2 00
8 tables	18 00
1 cradle	1 00
Window and door screens	9 00
7 looking glasses	2 00
3 shawls	2 00
Shovels and tongs	1 25
1 injection pipe	1 50
Bedsteads, beds and bedding	255 00
10 chests and trunks	5 00
1 castor	1 00
1 sofa	3 00
1 bed pan	1 50
1 grain cradle	2 00
Apple parers	1 75
2 pork barrels	1 00
1 padlock and chain	50
Kerosene oil and can	1 10
14 gallons molasses	5 60
75 lbs. dry apples	6 00
	$3,273 71

THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,

Appraisers of Property.

WESTFORD, MASS., February 6, 1885.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their thirtieth annual report, for the year ending February 1, 1885:

Number of books purchased	229
Public documents received from the State	3
Public documents received from the United States	20
Other books presented	27
Whole number added during the year	279
Number worn out and condemned during the year	6
Number lost during the past four years	7
Whole number of books in the Library	4950
Number of issues of books	8278

Percentage of circulation of different classes: C, 3%; D, 4%; E, 1%; F, 25%; G, 54%; H, 2%; I, 3%; J, 8%.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year's appropriation	$3 26
Town appropriation for the purchase of books	150 00
Dog tax appropriated	136 15
Fines	2 70
	$292 11

EXPENDITURES.

May 3.	Cupples, Upham & Co., bill of books	$67 32	
June 5.	Cupples, Upham & Co., bill of books	2 96	
June 5.	Willard Small, bill of books	34 89	
July 12.	Willard Small, bill of books	44 97	
July 23.	One subscription book	4 75	
Oct. 16.	One subscription book	3 15	
Nov. 21.	One subscription book	1 00	
Amounts carried forward		$159 04	$292 11

Amounts brought forward	$159 04	$292 11
Nov. 21. R. R. fares to Boston to buy books	1 86	
Nov. 21. Willard Small, bill of books	43 93	
Jan. 3. Willard Small, bill of books	1 26	
Jan. 22. Estes & Lauriat, bill of books	71 19	
Jan. 31. Willard Small, bill of books	68	
Jan. 31. Estes & Lauriat, bill of books	6 53	
Jan. 31. Express charges for the year	1 75	
Jan. 31. Supplies for Librarian	2 04	
		$288 28
Balance unexpended		3 83
		$292 11

The growth of the Library shows the demand for additional shelves, to which the Directors would call attention. One department is now full, two more nearly so, and one will be made so by the first purchase of books. We would also note the number of books lost. Most of these can be accounted for by various accidents. There are usually several books not returned at the close of each year, but the Directors have never considered them lost until no trace of them could be found. The small number really lost in the past four years shows the course pursued in this matter to be correct.

In order to meet the wants of many of our townspeople, who, living at a distance from the central village, are debarred from enjoying the privileges which the Library affords, the Directors would suggest the employment of one or more persons to visit the various villages and outlying districts, for the purpose of distributing and collecting books. By such an arrangement the usefulness of the Library would also be much increased.

We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of twenty volumes of a miscellaneous character from Mr. Samuel J. Tilton, a late resident of Westford, two volumes from Mr. George B. Dixwell, three from Mr. Cowley, and twelve numbers of the Unitarian Review from the American Unitarian Association.

We would also acknowledge our indebtedness during the past year to the same generous hand which has kept the books in repair for the last three years, and saved thereby much expense.

The Directors respectfully ask for an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year.

The appended list includes the purchases of the last year.

ABIEL J. ABBOT,
ELIZA A. BABBITT,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
Directors of Public Library.

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LIST OF JURORS, 1885.

The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the Town:

Luther Wilkins,
Frank L. Fletcher,
Isaac E. Day,
Albert P. Richardson,
Isaac W. Carkin,
Alvin G. Polley,
Edwin Gould,
Joseph F. Prescott,
Samuel G. Humiston,
George W. Heywood,
George Blodgett,
Charles E. Whidden,
Arthur Wright,
Melbourne F. Hutchins,
William M. Lee,
Asaph B. Cutter,
Emery J. Whitney,
Oren Coolidge,
Frank C. Drew,
Cyrus Hamlin.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., February 16, 1885.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1885.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford, in said County. Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the second day of March, being the first Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and closed at 1 o'clock P. M.,) to act upon the following articles, to wit:—

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To hear the Report of Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
3. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.
4. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, or act in relation to the same.
5. To hear Report of School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
6. To see if the Town will accept and adopt the Report of the Directors of the Town Library, or act in relation to the same.

7. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, or act in relation to the same.

8. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at the Town Farm, Directors of Town Library, all on one ballot.

9. To raise money to defray Town debts and charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

10. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.

11. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

13. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.

14. To raise money to repair roads and bridges, and direct by whom and in what manner the same shall be expended.

15. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.

16. To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of Ardent Spirits, or act in relation to the same.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of $1600 to build a School House in district No. 8, so called, or act in relation to the same.

18. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to purchase land on which to build said School House, and to have general superintendance of building same, or act in relation to the same.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the transportation of scholars to and from the public schools, or act in relation to the same.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of $400 for the purchase of school books and supplies, or act in relation to the same.

21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a small fire-proof safe for the use of the Town Clerk, or act in relation to the same.

22. To see if the Town will order the warrant for Town Meetings in future posted at Parkerville School House, so called, instead of posted at Carlisle Station, so called, or act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

INCLUDING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TOWN CLERK, TOWN TREASURER, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1886,

ALSO,

TOWN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 1, 1886.

LOWELL, MASS.
MORNING MAIL PRINT: NO. 18 JACKSON STREET.
1886.

OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

1885.

TOWN CLERK.

JOSEPH B. HEALD.

SELECTMEN.

GEORGE T. DAY, ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.

ASSESSORS.

ASAPH B. CUTTER, HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD PRESCOTT, ISAAC W. CARKIN,
EDWIN GOULD.

TOWN TREASURER.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. Henry Read, John Wilson,
J. Sidney Moulton, Frederick A. Fisher,
Alvin G. Polley, Thaddeus A. Blodgett.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ISAAC E. DAY.

CONSTABLES.

Isaac E. Day,
C. R. P. Decatur,
George Reed,
William C. Edwards,
William M. Lee,
Frank C. Wright.

FENCE VIEWERS.

William Kittredge,
Alvin G. Polley,
Alvan Fisher.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

Artemus W. Cummings,
John M. Fletcher,
Thaddeus A. Blodgett.

LIBRARIAN.

CLARA M. WILEY.

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY.

Eliza A. Babbitt,
Mrs. John W. Abbott,
William L. Kittredge.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

J. B. Fletcher,
J. M. Fletcher,
Arthur Wright,
A. J. Abbot,
W. W. Johnson,
S. H. Fletcher,
N. H. Wright,
E. A. Hamlin,
S. A. Hamlin,
Jacob Smith,
G. W. Heywood,
W. C. Edwards,
J. W. Day,
C. E. Whidden,
John A. Healey.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

C. L. Fletcher,
Gilmer Stone,
Jacob Smith,
Thomas Drew,
G. H. Prescott,
E. A. Hamlin,
Cyrus Hamlin,
Thomas E. Symmes,
C. E. Whidden,
G. A. Perham,
A. S. Reed,
W. C. Edwards,
John A. Healey,
Fred. H. Lewis.

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

JOSEPH H. WILSON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

TRUE A. BEAN.

FIELD-DRIVERS.

F. H. Lewis,
C. F. Shugrue,
F. E. Bennett,
William Agnew,
J. C. Murphy,
Thomas McCarty,
George N. Reed,
A. W. Carkin,
Henry R. Lewis,
David Polley.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

ALLEN R. PERHAM.

MARRIAGES.

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1885.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan. 15...	Frank L. Furbush	24	Westford.....	Strong, Me.
	Maggie C. Murphy	20	"	Westford.
Feb. 14...	J. Willard Fletcher....	29	"	Wisconsin.
	Miletta L. Wilder.....	19	Townsend.....	Townsend.
Mar. 5...	Frank L. Downs.....	28	Westford.....	Vassalboro, Me.
	Abbie D. Linn.....	21	Windsor, Me....	Windsor, Me.
Apr. 22..	Thornton Lewis.....	22	Boston	Boston.
	Henrietta I. Garvin...	22	Westford.....	Billerica.
June 1...	Charles S. Packard....	21	Brockton.....	Halifax.
	Edea J. Drew	20	Westford.....	Westford.
June 22..	John E. Ward.....	26	"	"
	Lizzie J. McNamara ..	22	Lowell.....	Lowell.
July 15...	Julian Hildreth.....	32	Westford.....	Westford.
	Ellen Bicknell.....	38	"	"
Aug. 6...	John Murphy.....	35	E. Andover, H. H.	Haverhill, N. H.
	Emma L. Carkin.....	35	Westford.....	Tyngsboro.
Aug. 26..	James Sullivan.....	30	"	Westford.
	Annie Carmichael.....	21	"	"
Sept. 2...	Isaac Newton.....	64	Fitchburg	Hubbardston.
	Mary A. Craig.....	57	Westford.....	Belfast, Me.
Sept. 10..	Frederick Spaulding ..	20	"	Westford.
	Nellie Cheney.....	20	"	Canada.
Sept. 17..	William H. Welch.....	26	"	Chelmsford.
	Lizzie Collier.....	21	"	England.
Sept. 23..	George Jeffroy.....	27	Chelmsford.....	Chelmsford.
	Addie L. Gilson.....	23	Westford.....	Westford.
Oct. 25...	John Scanlon.....	26	"	Ireland.
	Julia A. Murphy.....	20	"	"
Oct. 28...	Fred A. Sweatt.....	23	"	Manch'ter, N. H.
	Edith E. Lewis.....	25	"	Lewis, N. Y.
Oct. 29...	Charles O. A. Grover..	27	Lowell.....	Lowell.
	Jennie C. McDonald...	17	Westford.....	New Brunswick.
Nov. 1...	William M. Whitney..	46	"	Westford.
	Annie M. Earl	24	"	Maine.
Nov. 3...	Allan C. Sargent.....	27	"	Westford.
	Eva E. Minter	23	Lowell.....	Worcester.
Nov. 18..	Franklin Edwards.....	31	Westford.....	Westford.
	Annie E. White.....	19	"	Merrimac, N. H.
Nov. 25..	Charles W. Harris.....	21	"	Cincinnati, Ohio.
	Mary J. Welch.....	19	"	Chelmsford.
Dec. 24...	Edward H. Russell....	24	Chelmsford.....	"
	M. Dora Spaulding....	22	Westford.....	Westford.
Dec. 30...	Herbert V. Hildreth...	22	"	"
	Stella E. Reed.....	24	"	Lowell.

BIRTHS,

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DATE.		NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.	6	Charles Albert Webster....	Benj. H. and Nellie M. Webster.
"	9	Ethel Harris.....	William A. and Alice A. Harris.
"	15	Phillip Callahan.....	John and Annie Callahan.
"	19	Flora N. Smythe.....	Jerome and Minnie Smythe.
"	25	Johnnie Chester Wilson...	Frank W. and Abbie J. E. Wilson.
Feb.	6	David Grant Reed.....	George N. and Estella Reed.
"	10	Mabel Alice Norrie.....	John and Jane Norrie.
"	23	Bessie Mabel McCarty.....	Thomas and Hannah C. McCarty.
"	26	Emma Lucinda Flagg.....	Elbert H. and Lucy M. Flagg.
Mar.	1	Gertie May Decatur.....	C. R. P. and Addie Decatur.
"	15	Effie May Bennett.....	George L. and Mary L. Bennett.
"	25	Carrie Louise Hutchins....	John and Sarah E. Hutchins.
"	28	Henry Joseph Heyer.....	Henry A. and Bridget Heyer.
Apr.	7	Agleer Allen.....	Frank and Severance Allen.
"	7	Daniel Frederick Casey....	Daniel and Annie M. Casey.
"	13	—— Holmes.....	Christopher and Maria E. Holmes.
"	21	Lizzie Driscoll.....	John and Mary A. Driscoll.
"	27	Sidney Willard Wright.....	Frank C. and Mary A. Wright.
May	2	Arthur Loammi Bicknell..	Loammi C. and Jennie Bicknell.
"	8	Nettie Lillian Kecy.....	Joseph H. and Emmeline S. Kecy.
"	16	Allen Brigden Brown.....	William H. and Anna Brown.
"	23	Lilly May Cummings.....	Irving T. and Jenny D. Cummings.
"	31	Etta May Sheahan.....	Peter A. and Emma M. Sheahan.
June	4	Charles Mitchell Dow.....	James M. and Maria E. Dow.
"	11	Wm. Rockwood Petherick	William H. and Bertha Petherick.
"	14	Elizabeth Christiana Johns	William T. and Rose M. Johns.
"	16	Albert David Merrill.....	David F. and Hattie E. Merrill.
"	29	Harold Foss Thompson ...	Joseph H. and Annie F. Thompson.
July	4	Mattie Maria Morse.....	George M. and Sarah J. Morse.
"	17	John Henry Campbell.....	John and Ellen Campbell.
"	23	Herb. Farnsworth Shattuck	David H. and Ada F. Shattuck.
"	26	James William Daley.....	James and Ellen J. Daley.
Aug.	2	Grover Roscoe Moran.....	David and Julia F. Moran.
"	3	Lester Prescott.....	Eben and Josephine A. Prescott.
"	8	Harry Dennis O'Brien.....	John and Honora O'Brien.
"	23	Frank Ransome George....	Ransome N. and Ada George.
"	30	Mary Elizabeth Hughes...	Thomas and Olive L. Hughes.
Sept.	2	Gracie May Felch.....	John P. and Ann M. Felch.
"	21	Caroline Annilene Hook...	John and Hester R. Hook.
"	24	Bertha Francis McClenna.	Alvin A. and Lillian McClenna.
Oct.	2	Willard Hamilton Bicknell	Charles H. and Almeda Bicknell.
"	7	William Frederick Sargent	Frederick G. and Hepsibah Sargent.
"	13	Etta Jane Skinner.....	Benj. F. and Georgia A. Skinner.
"	14	Edith Gertrude Catchpole.	Herbert C. and Polly Catchpole.
"	14	James Hobart Heald.....	Joseph B. and Caroline A. Heald.
"	16	Blanch Elizabeth Lyman..	Wilbur S. and M. Ella Lyman.
"	17	Mabel Hattie Wright.....	Charles G. and Ada L. Wright.
"	23	Vaughn George Hutchins..	Alvin G. and Ida M. Hutchins.
"	30	Michael Edward Reiney...	Timothy and Johanna Reiney.
Nov.	24	Edson Josiah Blaisdell.....	Alvin J. and Elizabeth A. Blaisdell.
"	29	Thomas James Dunn.....	John J. and Mary J. Dunn.
Dec.	3	William Henry Willis.....	William T. and Elizabeth Willis.
"	19	Florence J. Moriarty.....	George H. and Catherine Moriarty.
"	25	Clara May Turner.....	Amos P. and Jennie Turner.

DEATHS,

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, A. D. 1885.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		
		YEARS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Feb. 4...	Ellen P. Wilson	77	1	3
" 5...	David Reed	60	5	28
Mar. 6...	Benjamin Kendall	73	—	—
" 7...	Philinda R. Moore	66	11	11
" 8...	Eliza Osgood	81	7	15
" 19...	Maria A. Leighton	66	—	—
" 23..	Eva Ardella Parker	—	8	4
" 24...	Eulalia Martin	53	—	—
" 30...	Luther Prescott	75	4	—
Apr. 21..	David P. Lawrence	74	5	11
May 14...	George G. Drew	26	4	19
" 21...	George Hutchins	56	—	—
" 27...	Abbie A. Jones	34	7	27
June 5...	John William Hughes	1	7	20
" 16...	Lilly May Cummings	—	—	25
July 24...	John Casey	19	—	—
" 29...	Flora N. Smythe	—	6	10
" 31...	Addie M. Carkin	25	1	—
Aug. 6...	M. Josie Whitney	20	—	23
Sept. 10...	Abigail Lawrence	85	3	—
" 17...	Daniel Falls	77	6	28
" 19...	Thomas J. Wheeler	79	5	26
" 28...	Alice Wall	48	—	—
" 29...	Herbert Hollon	2	11	3
Oct. 20...	Mary A. Falls	73	4	4
" 23...	William Reed, 2d	61	—	—
" 30...	William Agnew	62	10	15
Nov. 15...	Parasina R. Hildreth	78	—	6
" 16...	Emmeline Woodward	71	8	—
" 26...	Kate McCarty	65	—	—
Dec. 9...	Jane McNaughton	56	—	—

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

MIDDLESEX SS., Dec. 23, 1885.

Joseph B. Heald, Clerk of the Town of Westford, has paid into the treasury of said Middlesex County, Two Hundred Sixty-eight $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars, for Dog Licenses for the year Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-five, as per his account of 22d inst.

$268.20. AMOS STONE, *County Treasurer.*

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS LICENSED IN 1885.

Dane, H.
Drew, Thomas.
Carkin, I. W.
Worcester, I. S.
Whitney, J.
Norrie, J.
Whitney, Hiram.
Wilson, J. H.
Vose, W. M.
Whiting, Mrs. A.
Fletcher, S. D.
Fletcher, Harry (2).
Hamlin, S. A.
Whitney, J. H.
Hamlin, E. A.
Moore, J. W.
Hutchins, George.
Buckminster, E. F.
Fletcher, L. T.
Sweatt, F. A.
Wright, C. A.
Day, I. E.
Griffin, C. M.
Ireland, G. H.
Haley, Mrs. J.
Sweetzer, J. F.
Drew, F. C.
Carmichael, D.
Hall, J. H.
Logue, J.
Butterfield, J.
McEnany, P.
Clough, M. A.
Carkin, A. W.
Wright & Bemis.
Haley, J. A.
Searles, C. J.
Craven, E.
Larkin, J.
Millis, G. F.
Coburn, C. F.
Fletcher, E. E.
Varine, B.
Hildreth, F. C.
Caldwell, O.
O'Brien, J.
Lewis, F. H.
Nutting, E. G.
Horn, G. F.
Whiting, E. J.
Sheahan, A.
Gardner, R.
Hawks, W. O.
Nesmith, G. W. (2).
Callahan, J.
Feeney, J.
Blodgett, J. W.
Carkin, G. F.
Catchpole, H. C.
Martin, F.
Meades, D.
Sargent, A. C. [84–85].
Fletcher, W. J. [84–85].
Shugrue, C. F. [84–85].
Hill, G. C. [84–85].
Wyman, W. W.
McLeod, J. D.
McGlincha, J.
O'Brien, C.
Prescott, Joseph.
Nutting, B. F.
Dunn, J. J.
Ward, D.
Dupee, G.
Stevens, R.
Wall, P.
Sherman, D. W.
Whitney, W. W.
Desmond, Mrs. F. [84–85].
McDonald, A.
Blodgett, T. A.
Johnson, W. W.
Day, G. T.
Carmichael, J.
Irish, G. F.
Jolly, W.
Reiney, T.
Fletcher, H. A.
Prescott, E.
Blaisdell, A. J.
Giles, I. H.
Hutchins, J.
Dow, E. H.
Hurd, P. H. [84].
Grover, J. C.
Ingalls, G. W. (2).
Greig, D.
Gould, G. E.
Murphy, J.
Sullivan, F.
Quinn, J.
Marshall, J.
Abbot, A. J.
Abbot & Co.
Leighton, A.
Comey, W. S.
Moore, E. A.
Cummings, E. M.
Frederick, G. S.
Burke, D.
Fletcher, B. M.
Agnew, W.
Downs, M. F. (2).
Prescott, P. B.
Wright, E. (2).
Reed, Wm., 2d.
Reed, C. W.
Perham, G. A.
Blodgett, L. W.
Davis, A. S.
Decatur, C. R. P. [84–85].
Holbrook, L. W.
Stone, G.
Wilson, J.
Church, H. W. [84].
Hamlin, C. [84].
Carkin, P. A. [84].

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, February 16, 1886.

GENTLEMEN—I have examined the accounts of Sherman D. Fletcher, Esq., Town Treasurer, for the year ending February 15, 1886, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The receipts and payments made by him during the year are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

To balance cash on hand at commencement of the year..	$2,021 95
" cash borrowed.....	5,000 00
" " from state, corporation tax, 1885, in part.....	961 91
" " " " National Bank tax, 1885, in part....	723 58
" " " " aid to soldiers' families, '84, refunded	446 00
" " " " aid to indigent soldiers, " "	230 50
" " " " school fund, 1884–5.....	172 22
" " " " rent of armory, 1884.....	175 00
" " " " " " 1885.....	175 00
" " " County Treasurer, dog tax, 1884.....	182 17
" " " I. W. Sprague, licenses, 1885	150 00
" " " M. F. Downs, " "	100 00
" " " B. F. Nutting, " "	100 00
" " " J. Marshall, " "	100 00
" " " J. H. Wilson, janitor town house	72 00
" " " A. Fisher, auctioneer's license	2 00
" " " Town of Groton, scholars sent to sch. No. 3	25 50
" " " J. S. Moulton, books sold.....	34 30
" " " M. H. A. Evans, rent of Keyes' pond.....	1 00
" " " G. F. Millis, apples, school lot No. 1.....	2 50
" " " I. E. Day, Collector, 1881.....	37 44
" " " " " 1882.....	388 67
" " " " " 1883.....	530 87
" " " " " 1884.....	2,585 84
Amount carried forward.....	$14,218 45

Amount brought forward	$14,218 45
To cash from I. E. Day, Collector, 1885, before Oct. 6	8,097 40
" " " " " " " Dec. 6	1,093 03
" " " " " " after "	738 88
" " " " " interest on taxes	55 00
Total Receipts	$24,202 76

PAYMENTS.

By cash for notes and interest	$5,290 00	
" " " state tax, 1885	975 00	
" " " county tax	767 29	
" " to State Treasurer, licenses	112 50	
" " " Overseers of Poor, on orders	2,185 24	
" " or orders for incidental and other expenses	8,850 49	
" " on account of schools	4,165 00	
" balance cash in hands of Treasurer	1,857 24	
Total		$24,202 76

JOSEPH B. HEALD, *Auditor.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the Town of Westford submit the following report :

	1885.	1875.
Value of real estate, May 1	$853,350 00	$897,232 00
Value of personal estate, May 1	173,172 00	212,532 00
	$1,026,522 00	$1,109,764 00

N. B.—Valuation of 1875 reduced 10 per cent. in 1876.

	1885.	1875.
Amount raised for town debts and charges	$2,000 00	$11,200 00
Amount raised for schools	4,000 00	3,000 00
" " " roads and bridges	2,000 00	
" " " new school house No. 8	1,600 00	
Amount raised for school books and supplies	400 00	
Amount raised to transport scholars	100 00	
" " for library	150 00	
" " " State tax	975 00	
" " " County tax	767 29	
" " " Overlayings	266 19	
Tax on one hundred dollars	1 09	1 48

	1885.	1875.
Number of polls	527	529
" dwelling houses	445	382
" horses	343	259
" cows	501	533
" neat cattle other than cows	222	
" sheep	12	4

ASAPH CUTTER,
HENRY CHAMBERLIN,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,
Assessors of Westford.

Westford, Feb. 9, 1886.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

S. D. Fletcher, salary as town treasurer for year ending February 28, 1885	$50 00	
Jan. 8, 1885, S. D. Fletcher, time and expense insuring school house No. 6 at Lowell	1 50	
February 12, S. D. Fletcher, entertainment and conveyance of John D'Evelyn, auditor, to depot	1 00	
		$52 50

TOWN CLERK.

J. B. Heald, salary as town clerk	$12 00	
Going to Groton to count votes	2 50	
Copying for town report	2 00	
Recording marriages, births, and deaths	37 40	
Postage, express, and stationery	4 15	
Dog license blanks	1 00	
		$59 05

SELECTMEN.

George T. Day, salary	$ 5 00	
Making out monthly State aid book	6 00	
" " " " " returns, under Chaps. 252 and 301, Acts 1879, Public Statutes	6 00	
Making out town report	6 00	
Making out return to fire insurance commissioner	1 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads	25 00	
Extra time as selectman	30 00	
		$79 00
A. P. Richardson, salary	$ 5 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads	15 00	
Extra time as selectman	22 00	
Perambulating town lines	2 00	
		$44 00

Arthur Wright, salary	$ 5 00	
Time looking after repairs on roads	10 00	
Perambulating town lines	2 00	
Extra time as selectman	20 00	
		$37 00

ASSESSORS.

Henry Chamberlin, taking valuation and assessing tax	$142 50	
Four and a half days' work copying valuation for printing	11 25	
William L. Kittredge, taking valuation and assessing tax	$140 50	
Four days' work copying valuation for printing	10 00	
Asaph B. Cutter, taking valuation and assessing tax	135 00	
Four days' work copying valuation for printing	8 00	
		$447 25

TAX COLLECTOR.

I. E. Day, collecting $12,971.58 @ 1 per cent	$129 71	
Collecting $921.71 @ 9 mills	8 29	
Collecting dog tax	10 50	
Collecting poll taxes	5 00	
		$153 50

CONSTABLES.

I. E. Day, posting warrants for town meetings		$8 00

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Wesley O. Hawkes, attending two meetings in February	$3 00	
Wesley O. Hawkes, attending two meetings in October	3 00	
Frank L. Fletcher, attending five meetings	7 50	
Gilman J. Wright, attending five meetings	7 50	
J. B. Heald, town clerk, attending four meetings	6 00	
Preparing and posting voting lists	6 00	
		$33 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Moulton, supt., winter term, 1884–85	$50 00	
Making out report	10 00	
Amount carried forward	$60 00	

Amonnt brought forward	$60 00	
J. S. Moulton, making returns to State	2 00	
Express on school books	3 10	
Superintendent, spring term, 1885	50 00	
Express on books, etc	1 00	
Superintendent, fall term, 1885	50 00	
Expense transporting school books	1 75	
		$167 85

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ORDERS DRAWN BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886:

March	by order	$115 00	
May	"	767 02	
June	"	230 00	
"	"	129 50	
July	"	187 21	
September	"	136 20	
October	"	148 01	
November	"	117 13	
December	"	50 00	
Jan., 1886	"	106 98	
" "	"	138 89	
Feb., "	"	59 30	
			$2,185 24

EXPENSE OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, INCLUDING SERVICES AS LIBRARIAN.

Paid Clara M. Wiley, for services as librarian from Jan. 1, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1886	$72 00	
Clara M. Wiley, for extra work	6 00	
Eliza A. Babbitt, making out catalogue	3 00	
T. A Bean, making movable steps	2 50	
for one pair shears	65	
Geo. Drew, for lumber and material building shelves	19 24	
Geo. Drew, for labor building shelves	10 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for 73 lbs. paper	8 76	
" " for mucilage	20	
for printing 500 lists of books	6 00	
Directors in June	60 28	
" in July	11 00	
" in September	103 84	
" in November	6 85	
" in December	8 75	
" in February, 1886	41 62	
		$360 69

LEGACY TO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In kind remembrance of his native town, the late Stephen S. Stone of Revere, Mass., made the following liberal bequest to the Public Library, and the same has been received by the Selectmen, and deposited in the Bank, awaiting a favorable opportunity for investment.

COPY OF BEQUEST OF STEPHEN S. STONE.

"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Public Library of the Town of Westford, Mass., or in default of said Trustees, then to the Selectmen of the said Town, One Thousand Dollars, in trust, to apply the income thereof forever to the purchase of new books for said Library, and to be called the 'Stone Fund.'"

TOWN HOUSE.

EXPENSE OF HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF SAME.

Paid J. H. Wilson, for services as janitor from Feb. 1, 1885, to Feb. 1, 1886	$75 00	
J. H. Wilson, for sawing 4 cords 6 ft. wood	7 12	
A. P. Richardson, for 4 cords of wood	20 00	
Whithed & Co., for 5,300 lbs. coal	19 62	
W. W. Johnson, for 13,166 lbs. furnace coal	41 14	
" for 2,100 lbs. stove coal	7 25	
Wright & Fletcher, for 80 gallons oil	10 40	
" " for chimneys, burners, matches, etc	6 70	
Wright & Fletcher, for four bracket lamps	3 60	
" " for two brooms	70	
" " for lamp shades	30	
J. M. Fletcher, for 25 gallons oil	3 00	
		$194 83

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory due from the State	$175 00
Received from J. H. Wilson, janitor	72 00
	$247 00

PRINTING.

Paid Morning Mail Office, 1,000 tax bills, 1884	$2 75
" " " 1,500 tax bills, 1885	4 25
" " " registration notices	1 50
" " " 500 billheads	3 00
Amount carried forward	$11 50

Amount brought forward.....	$11 50	
Paid Morning Mail Office, 600 town reports.....	74 40	
" " " bound book, paper, etc.	4 60	
" " " license votes, yes and no,	2 75	
" " " notices for selectmen, etc.....	4 00	
" " " vaccination notices....	1 75	
" " " votes on constitutional amendment.....	1 50	
" " " six new order books...	6 00	
" " " paper ruled to order for reports.....	2 00	
Campbell & Hanscom, fifty assessors' notices,	2 25	
Vox Populi Office, school reports.....	30 00	
		$140 75

EXPENSE OF INSURANCE.

Paid Arthur Fenner, for renewal of insurance on school house No. 1.....	$75 00	
" " for insurance on new school house at Graniteville....	60 00	
" " for insurance on new school house No. 8.....	30 00	
" " for renewal of insurance on school house No. 4.....	20 00	
G. W. Coburn & Sons, renewal of insurance on Town Library...	20 00	
" " renewal of insurance on sch. house No. 5.	20 00	
" " renewal of insurance on Town Hall.....	40 00	
" " renewal of insurance on sch. house No. 9.	20 00	
		$285 00

EXPENSE OF NEW GUIDE BOARDS.

Paid Lorenzo Sweetser, for making 36 new guide boards	$6 75	
" " for repairing 25 old guide boards	1 75	
William H. Brown, painting and lettering 61 guide boards.	30 50	
J. H. Wilson, peeling 25 posts.....	1 00	
Hildreth & Fletcher, for 25 chestnut posts...	7 50	
A. P. Richardson, carrying guide boards to West Chelmsford, for painting, and returning same.....	2 00	
Wm. Reed, for furnishing and setting post near his house.....	50	
		$50 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid A. P. Richardson, attending 26 funerals with hearse	$ 52 00
for recording deed	75
Marshall & Hamblett, for legal services	100 00
J. M. Fletcher, appraising property at town farm, 1885	2 00
Wesley O. Hawkes, freight and express	1 10
W. M. Wright, for 200 cubic yds. gravel used in repairing roads in 1884	20 00
Humphrey Machine Co., plate for scrapers	6 90
G. H. Converse, varnishing and repairing hearse	23 88
C. G. Sargent's Sons, for two steel blades for scraper	8 90
A. B. Fletcher, for gravel repairing roads, 1882, 1883 and 1884	35 00
H. H. Wilder, as per bill	10 22
Stephen H. Nutting, for work at N. burying ground	5 00
J. Colburn, for work at W. burying ground	6 50
Fletcher Peckens, for work at E. burying ground	6 00
Damon Safe Co., for safe for town clerk	75 00
for teaming safe from depot and putting it into office of town clerk	3 50
C. H. Whiting, record books, blanks, etc., for town clerk, as required by law	6 25
J. A. Viles, veterinary surgeon, examining glandered horse	3 00
Dr. L. B. Holbrook, returning five births	1 25
J. A. Viles, veterinary surgeon, examining horse of Warren Blaisdell	5 00
Wright & Fletcher, for bush scythes and snaths	4 75
Wright & Fletcher, for paper, stamps, envelopes, postage, ink, pencils, etc., for town officers and schools	21 44
J. W. Sleeper, M. D., vaccinating as ordered by selectmen	17 50
A. P. Richardson, taking hearse to Lowell to be varnished and returning same	3 00
J. B. Heald, M. D., vaccinating as ordered by selectmen	21 50
Peter Gray, for four large lanterns for town house	9 40
Wright & Fletcher, for paper, ink, etc	1 32
Amount carried forward	$448 16

Amount brought forward	$448 16	
Paid for recording deed of land for school house No. 8	75	
Ai Bicknell, for killing glandered horse condemned by cattle commissioners	2 00	
Wright & Fletcher, balance as per bill	5 27	
J. M. Fletcher, postage, stamps, etc.	1 84	
S. M. Hutchins, labor at E. burying ground	4 54	
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., making returns of 24 births in 1884–5 to town clerk	6 00	
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., one-fifth cost of keeping horse, by order of J. F. Winchester, cattle commissioner, according to Chap. 90, Sec. 1, Public Statutes	2 28	
George Hartford, rent of field for cavalry inspection	9 00	
W. C. Edwards, for repairs as per bill	7 25	
J. B. Heald, M. D., returning 27 births, according to Sec. 1, Chap. 158, Pub. Stat.	6 75	
Boston & Lowell R. R., express, freight, &c., for 1885, as per bill	10 55	
Wright & Fletcher, rubber bands and books for filing letters for town officers	7 98	
for license blanks	1 25	
Register of deeds, for searching records	2 50	
N. B. Blood, returning to Marshall & Crosby packing sent with book cases	50	
		$519 62

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND ARTICLES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Centre School House.—Two Schools.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, 5 boxes crayons	$1 00	
" " ink, pens and mucilage	1 72	
" " 1 doz. erasers	75	
" " brooms	54	
" " basin, soap and towels	41	
Wright & Fletcher, brooms	1 00	
" " 1 box crayons	20	
Geo. Drew, glass, door trimmings, hooks, &c.	8 60	
" " labor	5 62	
		$19 84

Stony Brook School.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, broom	$ 30	
" " 5 boxes crayons	1 00	
George Drew, glass, hooks, lumber, &c	2 38	
" " labor	2 50	
for reseating chair	50	
		$6 68

Forge Village School House.—Two Schools.

Paid J. M. Fletcher, for 1 box crayons	$ 20	
" " for pens	20	
Geo. Drew, for fence capping, rails, nails, etc.,	5 93	
" for labor	3 75	
		$10 08

Nashoba School.—No. 4.

Paid A. G. Whitcomb, for 10 new lids and 18 cleets for desks	$9 11	
Geo. Drew, for labor repairing seats and furnishing trimmings for desks	12 37	
Geo. Drew, for 15 posts for fence	1 50	
Wright & Fletcher, for 3 boxes crayons	60	
" " for brooms	65	
" " for screws	33	
For cleaning clock	1 00	
		$25 56

Parkerville School.

Paid Wright & Fletcher, 3 boxes crayons	$ 60	
" " broom	30	
For repairing clock	50	
P. G. Collins, for glass, putty and labor	2 20	
George Drew, glass, trimmings and labor	4 11	
		$7 71

Minot's Corner School.

Paid E. Symmes, repairing clock	$1 00	
J. M. Fletcher, 1 box crayons	20	
" " pail	25	
Wright & Fletcher, 1 box crayons	20	
		$1 65

Nabnasset School.—No. 7.

Paid George Drew, clothes hooks, fence capping, glass, etc	$2 86	
George Drew, labor	2 50	
		$5 36

Long-sought-for School.—No. 8.

Paid Hiram Dane, repairing ventilator		$1 00

Lyon School.—No. 9.

Paid George Drew, fence capping, nails, lumber	$1 50	
" " labor	2 50	
		$4 00

GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE.—THREE SCHOOLS.

Paid Miller, McNeil & Co., balance due for seats, as reported in March, 1885	$237 00	
A. G. Whitcomb, for ten seats for primary school	22 00	
W. C. Edwards, putting in seats	3 75	
Whitney & Tibbets, lumber for coal bins	18 93	
George Drew, building coal bins, nails, &c.	4 63	
John A. Haley, for coal	18 88	
C. G. Sargent's Sons, for lumber and labor putting up batters for new school house, 1884	9 62	
Charles F. Haskell, for 14 keys	1 75	
for repairing clocks	2 60	
F. O. Stiles, removing books, etc., from old to new school house	1 60	
Wright & Fletcher, for knobs, hooks, etc	57	
George Drew, putting up map fixtures, etc.	1 00	
Wright & Bemis, brooms	1 95	
" " coal hod, pails, etc	1 65	
" " 11 boxes crayons	2 20	
" " duster, lantern, etc	2 00	
" " three thermometers	60	
" " soap, scrub brushes, pails, chloride lime, nails, etc.	3 49	
		$334 22

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Paid Boston School Supply Co., readers, arithmetics, geographies, grammars, etc	$223 25
Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., readers and dictionaries	115 48
Wm. Ware & Co., histories	19 17
Harper Bros., spellers	9 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Colburn's arithmetics	4 47
Thompson, Brown & Co., Stines' England	2 97
Carrol W. Clark, for chairs, monthly report cards, etc	7 50
A. C. Stocking, for spellers	34 06
J. M. Fletcher, 1 dozen Stafford's ink	5 50
" " 1½ dozen erasers	1 44
Lee & Shepard, record books	6 17
Cowperthwaite & Co., Monroe's advanced readers, primers, writing books, "How to talk," etc	63 26
Amount carried forward	$492 27

Amount brought forward	$492 27	
Paid King & Merrill, for crayons, dusters, pens, pencils, etc	23 73	
Ginn, Heath & Co., for readers, etc	5 17	
express on books	4 10	
Prang Educational Co., for 9 dozen drawing books	7 20	
Wright & Fletcher, for readers, etc	2 30	
Knight, Adams & Co., for labels	1 10	
Morning Mail Office, for blocks, etc	75	
Wright & Bemis, for geographies, etc	2 24	
Marshall & Crosby, for book-cases (10)	122 00	
for brackets, screws, etc., for book-cases	3 40	
for freight on book-cases	1 70	
for expense of putting up cases, teaming, etc	7 00	
Lowell Rubber Co., for 7 door mats	15 00	
		$687 96

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO BUILD NEW SCHOOL HOUSE IN DISTRICT No. 8, SO CALLED.

At a Town Meeting held March, 1885, the Selectmen were chosen a committee to locate and cause to be built a new school house in District No. 8, so called, and the sum of $1600 was appropriated for that purpose. After deciding upon a plan and consulting various members of the District in regard to location, the committee purchased one-quarter acre of land of Dennis Burke. Proposals were received for building school house and putting in the foundations, etc., and the contract for building school house was awarded A. W. Holt of Chelmsford, for $1084; that of putting in foundations, furnishing stone and grading, to McCarty & Reckards, for $170. The whole cost of land, school house, fence and well, amounts to the sum of $1631.11.

Paid Dennis Burke, for ¼ acre land	$40 00
J. Larcom, for plan and specifications	8 00
Wm. C. Edwards, putting up batters	6 00
McCarty & Reckards, putting in foundation, furnishing stone and doing extra work	177 00
Thomas E. Symmes, surveying land	80
A. W. Holt, for building school house, furnishing all material above underpinning, by contract	1,084 00
Amount carried forward	$1,315 80

Amount brought forward	$1,315 80	
Paid McCarty & Reckards, for fitting and setting stone posts under building	4 00	
A. G. Whitcomb, for 36 seats and 2 chairs	110 50	
expense on same	3 00	
W. W. Johnson, teaming school furniture	1 25	
railroad freight on school furniture	2 43	
A. W. Holt, putting in seats	5 50	
" " building coal bin	1 85	
W. C. Edwards, for stock and labor building vault	11 08	
Hiram Dane, work on vault	1 00	
Dennis Burke, grading, by contract	20 00	
		$1,476 41

EXPENSE OF ENCLOSING THE GROUNDS AND COST OF WELL.

Paid A. W. Holt, building 319 feet fence, furnishing material	$95 70	
Hiram Dane, painting fence, by contract, furnishing stock	30 00	
		$125 70
Paid McCarty & Reckards, for digging and stoning well, depth 10 feet		29 00
		$1,631 11

STATE AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

As Authorized by Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

Paid—January	$47 00	
February	47 00	
March	44 00	
April	44 00	
May	44 00	
June	44 00	
July	44 00	
August	44 00	
September	44 00	
October	44 00	
November	44 00	
December	44 00	
		$534 00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES.

As Authorized by Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

Paid—January	$47 50	
February	47 50	
March	49 50	
April	49 50	
May	49 50	
June	49 50	
July	49 50	
August	49 50	
September	49 50	
October	49 50	
November	49 50	
December	49 50	
		$590 00

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Of the amount raised for repairs of roads and bridges and breaking roads, the sum of $1,393.00 has been paid to H. D. Pierce, Master of Town Farm, for work of self, men and horses; $44.68 has been paid for breaking roads, and $779.79 for all other labor on roads.

Paid C. R. P. Decatur, for work in 1883	$ 1 50
C. H. Flagg, " in 1884	2 50
April and May.	
Joseph Johnson	45 37
Joseph Allard	37 67
Julian Wilkerson	49 98
June.	
F. Seifer, blasting stone, road near house	3 25
Julian Wilkerson	30 93
Joseph Johnson	30 92
Albert King	13 73
Charles Develin	22 68
July and August.	
Joseph Allard	5 50
Julian Wilkerson	39 87
Charles Develin	13 75
James Collier	3 25
Joseph Johnson	47 53
September.	
W. F Balch, putting up railing on Lowell road	10 60
Amount carried forward	$359 03

Amount brought forward	$359 03	
Paid James O'Brien	3 85	
Charles Winchester, cutting brush	10 50	
Charles Couture	21 22	
Wm. Reed, cutting brush and repairing bridge	9 65	
Joseph Johnson	24 04	
October.		
A. King, cutting brush	33 50	
George E. Gould	14 40	
George S. Frederick	2 25	
James O'Brien	16 50	
J. B. Emerson, gravel for "Makepeace" road	1 00	
Sept. and Oct.		
Julian Wilkerson	57 73	
George F. Millis	1 75	
Joseph Johnson	26 78	
Benj. M. Fletcher	15 75	
John T. Butterworth, repairing railing	1 00	
November.		
Julian Wilkerson	16 50	
A. McDonald, relaying bridge, and repairing road near house of Jacob Smith	20 00	
George Farrar, cutting brush	7 50	
Sept., Oct. and Nov.		
John Clements	36 75	
Albert King, bal. due for cutting brush	10 75	
Albert King, work on roads Oct. and Nov.	42 68	
A. P. Richardson	3 60	
C. R. Flanders, cutting brush	2 00	
Dennis Burke, cutting brush	5 00	
George Leland	1 37	
A. B. Cutter, cutting brush	3 50	
J. F. Sweetser, work of men and teams repairing road near his house	20 00	
J. H. Wilson, cutting brush	90	
Geo. Hartford, repairing road near house	3 75	
J. C. Hews	11 00	
John C. Murphy	2 74	
John Smith	2 74	
Jeremiah McCarty	2 74	
A. Keifer	5 50	
Freeman Sleeper, work on "Makepeace" road	5 62	
Wm. Servier	1 88	
H. D. Pierce, work of self, men and horses	1,393 00	
all others	19 00	
		$2,217 47

EXPENSE OF BREAKING ROADS.

Paid A. P. Richardson	$2 20	
Edwin E. Heywood, work in 1883–4	5 70	
Hiram Dane, work in 1884–5	87	
James Hildreth and others	4 35	
H. E. Fletcher	1 41	
Sam'l L. Taylor	3 75	
Ai Bicknell	1 50	
F. Seifer	30	
G. A. Perham	2 25	
J. H. Wilson	1 05	
W. H. Brown	3 25	
George E. Gould	6 90	
Angus McDonald	5 00	
E. A. Stevens	2 50	
Charles Winchester	90	
G. T. Day	2 75	
		$44 68

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1882, John Butler	$2 00
Daniel Casey	47
C. F. Coburn	2 00
Patrick Larkin	2 00
Wm. McNeil	2 00
Wm. S. Shepard	2 00
David Vickery	61
1883, Eliza A. Babbitt	50
A. J. Boias	2 00
Ora L. Bonza	2 00
John Craig	3 90
Paul F. S. Clark	2 00
Stephen H. Castell	2 00
Chism Collin	2 00
Charles Cloutman	2 00
Michael Donely	2 00
Florence Donahoe	2 00
John Gibson	2 00
Wm. Haley	30
Thomas Harrup	2 00
Hiram Leland	2 00
Henry Leland	2 00
George A. Leland	2 00
L. B. Leland	2 00
Patrick Larkin	2 00
Wm. M. Lewis	2 00
Amount carried forward	$ 47 78

Amount brought forward	$47 78	
1883, Charles J. McCarty	2 00	
Dennis McCarty	2 00	
Patrick McGrath	2 00	
Joseph Moran	2 00	
Nelson McKewin	2 00	
James E. Moore	2 00	
John Maloney	2 00	
Albert Plaisted	2 00	
Reuben Redding	2 00	
Julius Ruiter	2 00	
Estate of Michael Sherin	7 32	
Joseph T. Smith	2 00	
Wm. Sweeney	2 00	
Henry Summerfield	2 00	
Andrew Sanderson	2 90	
John Shehan	2 00	
William Thomas	2 00	
David Vickery	54	
Herbert Vandike	2 00	
		$90 54

THE FOLLOWING TAXES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AS ERRORS.

1882, Charles E. Taylor	2 00	
1883, Robert J. Gardner	2 00	
1884, Charles Stearns	2 59	
		$6 59

SUMMARY.

	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.	1875.
Town Officers	$ 718 80	$ 408 27	$ 435 67	$ 380 67	$439 47	$436 81	$380 16	$345 32	$375 97	$427 44	$944 24
Tax Collector and Constables	161 50	194 87	136 15	147 80	143 39	178 40	141 55	147 98	152 34	116 28	150 00
School Committee	167 85	211 50	112 50	172 50	166 33	168 25	164 75	170 00	183 40	254 50	197 00
Town Library	360 69	380 97	414 68	377 11	536 38	319 20	340 05	299 49	336 28	243 21	277 58
Town House	194 83	169 09	165 33	196 73	175 84	183 45	171 12	166 47	236 25	145 00	50 00
Printing	140 75	129 15	138 47	153 97	142 95	126 90	119 75	110 68	179 85	110 45	204 00
Insurance	285 00	30 00	97 75		183 00	216 75		118 50			
School Houses	416 10	271 46	112 64	65 92	190 55	170 96	164 91	118 35	189 36	204 42	584 00
Incidental Expenses	519 62	591 08	774 84	493 46	508 27	500 42	460 07	870 71	897 11	531 03	1,315 61
State Aid	590 00	455 70	393 00	338 00	363 00	427 50	360 00	533 50	414 00	472 00	492 00
State Aid to Indigent Soldiers	534 00	461 00	467 00	514 00	387 40	449 00	229 70	374 40			
Roads and Bridges	2,217 47	1,654 84	1,934 77	1,477 41	1,552 07	1,504 19	1,454 98	1,871 81	1,808 13	2,244 85	1,957 54
Breaking Roads	44 68	196 36	11 92	620 86	420 63	70 86	239 22	140 26			
Overseers of Poor	2,185 24	1,954 40	2,058 68	2,029 76	2,147 94	1,680 66	1,913 32	1,561 39	2,331 00	3,418 00	1,907 50
Abatement of Taxes	90 54	90 56	140 00	10 21	266 54	231 86	216 45	151 45	224 28	98 47	883 42
Errors in Taxes	6 59	174 17									
Schools, Books, etc., for	687 96	76 08									
No. 8 School House, etc.	1,631 11										
Registration Board	33 00	94 70									
Guide Boards	50 00										
	$11,035 73	$13,863 09	$8,427 16	$8,319 56							

GEORGE T. DAY,
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Selectmen of Westford.

STATEMENT.

The Selectmen submit the following statement, showing the financial condition of the town, derived from the Treasurer's books and other sources, at date, viz.:

LIABILITIES.

Two notes held by Worcester County Institution for Savings, for $2,000 each	$4,000 00
Accrued interest on above notes	38 53
Balance of appropriation for schools unexpended	1,499 30
	$5,537 83

RESOURCES.

Due from State—aid to soldiers' families, 1885,	$ 590 00	
" " aid to indigent soldiers, 1885,	267 00	
" " corporation tax	3 86	
" " bank tax	7 45	
" Isaac E. Day, collector, 1884	734 21	
" " " " 1885	1,869 18	
Balance cash in treasury	1,857 24	
		$5,328 94
		$208 89

It will be seen by the foregoing statement that the liabilities of the town have exceeded the resources by $208.89. This arises from the fact that the current expenses of the year, which include expense of Poor, Repairs of School Houses, expense of Town Officers, Tax Collector, School Committee, Printing, Incidental Expenses, State Aid, &c., amounted to over $5,000, for the payment of which the town only raised $2,000.

To avoid incurring a debt we would respectfully recommend that the following sums be raised for the ensuing year:

For schools	$4,000 00
For roads	2,000 00
For Overseers of Poor	2,000 00
Town debt, including incidental expenses	1,000 00
Worcester Institution for Savings, note due in May,	2,000 00

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REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 8, 1886 :

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE, INCLUDING FARMING TOOLS, BY APPRAISAL OF THE COMMITTEE.

February 8, 1886	$3,540 44
February 6, 1885	3,273 71
Gain on Personal Property	$266 73

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Farm, as by H. D. Pierce's books.

Received for milk	$728 45
apples	5 46
cider	13 27
eggs	9 13
beets	1 50
chickens	13 45
straw	4 00
calves	48 00
cows	125 08
pop corn	1 20
pigs	6 00
work on the roads	1,393 00
work on the ice	59 50
board	25 00
tomatoes	80
cranberries	71 05
onions	16 55
peas	5 70
ashes	1 60
cabbages	55
pumpkins	1 00
Amount carried forward	$2,530 29

Amount brought forward	$2,530 29
Received for lumber	1 50
potatoes	2 00
turkey	1 44
carrots	45
turnips	2 40
stone	12 00
paris green	25
cart seat	1 00
sundries furnished J. Wilkerson	9 90
indigent soldiers	264 00
sundries	2 24
	$2,827 47

PAYMENTS.

Paid for labor	$837 25
blacksmith work	105 56
fresh meat	134 36
two horses	460 00
doctoring sick horse and cow	29 65
carving knife and fork	1 50
blank book	30
express	15
clothing for G. Wilkerson	6 25
shingles	17 25
repairing boots	1 90
beans	7 53
cutting brush	44 26
feed bags	2 00
one year's salary for H. D. Pierce	550 00
plough points	2 50
bog hoe	1 00
table cloth	2 00
corn planter	15 00
freight bill	26
curtains	2 00
one hog	23 70
planing lumber	1 00
one file	25
use of horse	3 50
pigs	17 00
rye	1 60
plough castings	2 09
cutting corn	33 00
rope and pulleys	1 22
strainer	25
butchering	1 25
Amount carried forward	$2,305 58

Amount brought forward		$2,305 58
Paid for window sash		25
chickens		13 00
oats		4 10
house paper		4 15
groceries		446 20
crackers		29 78
fish		11 13
medicine		15 39
soap		2 40
turkeys		4 30
lumber		10 44
harness work		25 95
clothing		75
snow shovel		50
making cider		2 30
sundries		4 70
coal		14 59
grain		664 11
wheelwright work		4 75
use of bull		5 25
fertilizer		28 75
bell		15
neck yoke		1 00
wagon		30 00
sled		42 00
two whiffletrees		1 75
two cider barrels		1 50
John P. Green		5 50
T. Carney		6 00
Cash on hand at last settlement		242 25
		$3,928 52
Deduct income from the farm	$2,827 47	
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands	237 48	
Expense of keeping 292 tramps	73 00	
Gain on personal property	266 73	
		$3,404 68
Leaves as the cost of supporting the poor inside of the almshouse		$523 84

COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid F. O. Decatur, for services as Overseer of the Poor for 1884	$ 7 50
for wood and groceries for Jane A. L. Patch	22 00
Amount carried forward	$29 50

Amount brought forward		$29 50
Paid Town of Groton, for E. Holt's family		20 00
City of Boston for Michael Harty		2 58
for rent for J. Wilkerson		12 00
J. B. Heald, M. D., medical attendance on Mrs. J. Moran		9 50
" " " medical attendance on Nelson Constantino		12 25
" " " medical attendance on Mrs. P. Harington		20 75
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., medical attendance on Mary Whittimore		48 00
Town Clerk of Brattleboro', for affidavit		50
Hospital bills for insane at Worcester		676 13
for wood for Nellie Flynn		10 00
D. R. Steere, M. D., medical attendance on W. H. Nichols		15 00
Wright & Bemis, groceries furnished G. F. Daly		22 00
" " " Winnie Haley		22 00
" " " C. H. Spaulding		122 93
" " " Mrs. J. Davy		78 00
J. W. Carkin, for time spent in buying horses		4 00
" " " " cows		2 00
" for services as Overseer of the Poor		10 00
Edward Prescott, for time spent in going to Groton about W. H. Nichols		2 00
" " making out reports to the board of health, lunacy and charity		5 00
" " making out report to the town		5 00
" " postage stamps and stationery		2 00
" " services as Overseer of the Poor		10 00
Edwin Gould, for time spent in buying horses		3 50
" " for services as Overseer of the Poor		10 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., for medical attendance on J. Casey		10 00
		$1,164 64
Received from the Town of Woburn on account of the Ames family	$30 39	
Received from State	20 50	
Due from State on account of State paupers	9 50	
Due from the Town of Groton, for aid rendered Mary Whittimore	48 00	
		108 39
Expense of the poor outside of the Almshouse		$1,056 25

STATEMENT.

Cash in Overseers' hands at last settlement.....	$ 5 14	
in hands of the Master of Almshouse at last settlement.....	242 25	
drawn from the town treasurer.....	2,185 24	
		$2,432 63
Cash in H. D. Pierce's hands.....	$237 48	
in Overseers' hands.....	16 30	
Due from the State.....	9 50	
Due from the Town of Groton.....	48 00	
Gain on personal property.....	266 73	
		578 01
Cost of supporting the poor exclusive of interest on farm,		$1,854 62

Number receiving two meals and lodging.....	292
Number supported in the Almshouse.....	11
Average number.....	$6\frac{25}{52}$
Number receiving assistance outside of Almshouse...	36

EDWARD PRESCOTT,
ISAAC W. CARKIN,
EDWIN GOULD,
Overseers of the Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

WESTFORD, Mass., Feb. 16, 1886.

GENTLEMEN: — I have examined the books of the Overseers of the Poor, including the accounts kept by the Master of the Almshouse, for the year ending February 15th, 1886, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,

Auditor.

TO MESSRS. GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the Almshouse in Westford, 1886.

5 horses	$1050 00
11 cows	440 00
1 calf	20 00
2 hogs	15 00
30 fowl	19 50
35 tons ensilage	140 00
7 tons English hay	133 00
5 tons stock hay	75 00
1½ tons meadow hay	15 00
1¼ tons oat fodder	18 00
150 lbs. cracked corn	1 65
300 lbs. meal	3 30
250 lbs. cotton seed meal	3 25
4 bushels oats	1 92
100 lbs. shorts	1 00
100 lbs. rye meal	1 80
2 bushels pop corn	2 40
7 harnesses	170 00
Neck yokes and eveners	15 00
Curry combs and brushes	50
5 head halters	4 00
1 wolf robe	8 00
4 blankets	5 00
2 feed bags	2 00
12 feed boxes	3 00
1 express wagon	33 00
1 farm wagon	50 00
1 express wagon	5 00
4 carts	180 00
1 hay wagon	25 00
1 stone wagon	30 00
1 one-horse sled	13 00
2 four-horse sleds	60 00
1 sleigh	5 00
1 wheelbarrow	3 00
2 drags	5 00
1 wagon jack	1 75
1 dirt scraper	6 00
1 hay knife	1 50
2 harrows	10 00
1 cultivator	3 00
4 plows	15 00
1 horse hay rake	28 00
1 drag rake	50
Hand rakes	25
Amount carried forward	$2622 82

Amount brought forward	$2622 82
1 corn sheller	3 50
1 hay cutter	1 00
1 mowing machine	60 00
1 wind-mill	4 00
2 grindstones	4 50
Scythes and snaths	5 00
1 corn planter	15 00
6 hay forks	1 80
3 manure forks	2 25
2 manure hooks	1 00
1 potato digger	45
Hoes	50
3 bog hoes	75
4 iron bars	5 00
1 pick axe	50
1 grub hoe	1 00
2 flails	50
Stone tools	7 50
6 tie chains	1 50
6 chains	6 00
Rope and pulley	90
6 iron rakes	1 50
1 set measures	75
Ladders and Hooks	8 00
28 empty sacks	2 80
3 water pots	1 00
Wrenches and hammers	1 50
9 spades and shovels	2 25
18 empty barrels	2 70
4 wood saws	3 00
Carpenters' tools	10 00
¾ M shingles	3 00
2 hay hooks	75
1 garden hoe	60
11 baskets	3 30
2 axes	1 50
1 cheese press	2 00
1 ton coal	7 25
25 cords wood	75 00
1 clothes wringer	3 25
1 meal chest	1 50
1 meat cutter	3 00
1 steamer	7 00
Amount carried forward	$2887 12

Amount brought forward	$2887 12
2 cranberry rakes	3 00
3 saw horses	1 00
16 empty tubs	80
1 force pump	1 25
2 chests	1 00
Apple parers	1 75
½ barrel crackers	1 35
30 lbs. lard	3 00
½ bushel cranberries	50
4 bushels beans	6 40
75 bushels potatoes	56 25
3 bushels turnips	1 20
15 bushels carrots	3 75
10 bushels beets	6 00
20 bushels onions	20 00
30 lbs. butter	8 40
200 lbs. pork	20 00
80 lbs. ham	8 80
60 gallons cider	6 00
20 gallons vinegar	4 00
2 gal. kerosene oil and cans	1 00
7 gallons pickles	3 50
½ barrel soft soap	2 50
14 empty cider barrels	3 50
3 wash tubs	1 00
1 washing machine	2 00
2 wash boilers	3 25
1 clothes dryer	1 00
2 clothes lines	1 00
2 clothes baskets	1 25
2 lanterns	1 50
1 grain cradle	2 00
1 padlock and chain	40
1 seive	1 00
1 oil cloth carpet	8 00
3 rocking chairs	1 50
1 cabinet chair	1 00
8 tables	15 00
Window and door screens	9 00
1 snow shovel	50
1 bed pan	1 50
6 looking glasses	2 00
Shovel and tongs	1 25
1 cradle	1 00
Chests and trunks	5 00
1 castor	1 00
Amount carried forward	$3122 82

Amount brought forward	$3122 82
1 cow bell	75
1 dinner bell	50
1 pair steelyards	2 80
6¼ doz. fruit cans	18 75
1 porcelain kettle	1 00
1 copper kettle	2 00
Chopping knife and trays	1 00
Earthern pots	1 50
Stoneware	2 25
2 doz. mason cans	2 40
3 brooms	90
1 barn broom	50
1 white brush	2 00
1 mop	25
Knives, forks and spoons	4 50
Crockery	12 00
1 range	40 00
3 stoves	10 00
1 old stove	1 00
Beds, bedding, and bedsteads	250 00
1 slop pail	75
Tinware	25 00
3 doz. candles	36
1 barrel flour	6 25
Spices	1 00
4 lbs. tea	2 00
4 lbs. coffee	1 20
2 lbs. saleratus	14
Sundries	1 00
10 lbs. dried apples	60
2 quarts molasses	25
25 lbs. G. sugar	1 88
25 lbs. E. sugar	1 75
15 lbs. raisins	1 80
7 candle sticks	75
Candle moulds	1 50
2 water pails	40
Glassware	4 00
2 pork barrels	1 00
9 lamps	2 75
7 flat irons	2 00
Table linen and towels	4 50
1 injection pipe	1 50
1 shawl	1 00
1 paper ivorine	14
	$3540 44

THADDEUS A. BLODGETT,
A. W. CUMMINGS,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,
Appraisers of Property.

Westford, Mass., Feb. 6, 1886.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Directors of the Public Library respectfully submit their thirty-first annual report, for the year ending February 8, 1886:

Number of books purchased	170
Public documents received from the State	22
Public documents received from the United States	30
Other books presented	7
Whole number added during the year	229
Whole number of books in the Library	5179
Number of issues of books	8124

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance from last year's appropriation	$ 3 83
Town appropriation for the purchase of books	150 00
Dog tax appropriated	88 34
Fines	4 30
	$246 47

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$208 55	
binding	5 75	
printing catalogues and regulations	13 75	
express	1 60	
librarian's supplies	3 35	
expense in purchasing books	6 77	
		$239 77
Balance unexpended		6 70
		$246 47

Our Library has been enriched during the past year by a legacy from Mr. Stephen S. Stone, a native of West-

ford, but for many years a resident of Revere, Mass. This generous bequest is most gratefully acknowledged by the Directors, who will be enabled thereby to procure many books of reference, as well as other valuable books indispensable to a good library, and which the usual appropriation has not warranted them in purchasing.

The yearly benefaction which this remembrance will bring to the minds and hearts of the towns-people, is a most fitting monument to one who has joined "the choir invisible."

The Library has been made more commodious by the introduction of new shelves, which will furnish accommodation for the present, but it is hoped the time is not far distant when, "thro' pulses stirred to generosity," a larger room or separate building will be provided.

Twelve numbers of the Unitarian Review, from the American Unitarian Association, have been received as usual, also four volumes from a society in Lancaster, illustrative of the views of the Second Adventists. The percentage of circulation has been about the same as last year, classes G. and F. claiming seventy-nine per cent. As for the last few years, the same kindly hand has kept many of the worn books in repair, thereby delaying for some time the necessity of rebinding.

The Directors respectfully ask for an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year.

ELIZA A. BABBITT,
ELIZABETH S. ABBOT,
WILLIAM L. KITTREDGE,
Directors of Public Library.

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LIST OF JURORS, 1886.

The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the Town:

Frank L. Fletcher,
Isaac E. Day,
Albert P. Richardson,
Alvin G. Polley,
Edwin Gould,
Joseph F. Prescott,
Samuel G. Humiston,
William H. H. Burbeck,
Edward Prescott,
William Reed,
Arthur Wright,
Melbourne F. Hutchins,
Asaph B. Cutter,
Emery J. Whitney,
Oren Coolidge,
Cyrus Hamlin,
George Blodgett,
Henry Chamberlin,
A. Richmond Leighton,
Timothy Sullivan.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., Feb. 15, 1886.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1886.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To Isaac E. Day, one of the Constables of the Town of Westford, in said County. GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and also in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the first day of March, being the first Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock A. M., (the polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and closed at 1 o'clock P. M.,) to act upon the following articles, to wit:—

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To hear the Report of Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
3. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, or act in relation to the same.
4. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, or act in relation to the same.
5. To hear Report of School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
6. To see if the Town will accept and adopt the Report of the Directors of the Town Library, or act in relation to the same.

7. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, or act in relation to the same.

8. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, two School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, three Appraisers of Property at the Town Farm, Directors of Town Library, all on one ballot.

9. To raise money to defray Town debts and charges, and direct how the same shall be paid into the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

10. To raise money for Reading and Writing Schools.

11. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, to meet the demands on the Treasury, or act in relation to the same.

13. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, or act in relation to the same.

14. To raise money to repair roads and bridges, and direct by whom and in what manner the same shall be expended.

15. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen, by hand vote, or act in relation to the same.

16. To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of Ardent Spirits, or act in relation to the same.

17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enclose with a fence the land connected with the new School House at Graniteville, or act in relation to the same.

18. To see if the Town will authorize the digging of a well at the new School House in Graniteville, or act in relation to the same.

19. To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to make a contract for doctoring the poor of the Town by the year, or act in relation to the same.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the transportation of scholars to and from the public schools, or act in relation to the same.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the purchase of school books and supplies, or act in relation to the same.

22. To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the old School House at Graniteville, or act in relation to the same.

23. To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the old School House in District No. 8, so called, or act in relation to the same.

24. To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the estate of Leonard Luce for overpayment of taxes since 1860, or act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

GEORGE T. DAY,
ARTHUR WRIGHT,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.